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## AF of L Craft Union Tories Shelve Steel Unionization Drive

**Reactionary Opponents of Industrial Form of Organization Victorious. Modernists May Secede and Set Up Independent Industrial Union.**

NEW YORK. (FP) — The question of organizing the steel industry has been shelved by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. This has been learned authoritatively by Federated Press from unimpeachable sources.

Carefully drawn plans to organize the industry were laid before the recent sessions of the council in Washington, only to be dashed by craft antagonisms among the members. The small group in the council in favor of industrial organization found itself swamped by craft union exponents who insists that they will demand splitting of industrial unions in all the heavy industries.

The first issue to come before the council was the appeal of the Intl. Union of Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers against the Metal Trades Department of the A. F. of L. The M. M. & S. W. appealed against a recent decision which split up the workers in Butte's copper mines among craft unions, leaving in the main only semi-skilled and unskilled workers to the mine union. John Frey, head of the Metal Trades Department, supported by Arthur Wharton of the machinists and by other craft union chiefs, succeeded in thwarting the M. M. & S. W. claim to industrial jurisdiction over all copper mine workers, regardless of craft.

It was against this background that the plan for organizing the steel workers on an industrial basis came before the council. Craft union officials immediately insisted that not a penny of A. F. ofL. funds be spent on any campaign which did not assure separate unions for the machinists, pattern makers, electrical workers and other craft unions. Complicating the issue was the recent action of Pres. Mike Tighe of the Amalgamated Assn. in expelling 13 lodges of his union for pushing an organizing drive in the steel industry.

The plan to organize steel was shelved and Pres. William Green of the A. F. of L. announced that any action would have to await the crisis in the auto industry and "other pressing matters."

Industrial union forces in the A. F. of L. are discouraged by the executive council's firm stand for craft division. The first fruit of the council's action will be seen in the auto industry, where the craft unions are demanding that federal labor unions be split so as to give to the craft unions men falling within their jurisdiction.

At least one member of the executive council has been advised by his counsellors to quit the A. F. of L., as ineffective and hopelessly bound to 19th century craft divisions, and to take the lead in organizing a new labor federation. It is understood that many government officials in Washington view this development favorably.

## I'LL BE SEEIN' YA SOON!

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## TREMENDOUS OVATION IS GIVEN TOOL AND DIE MAKERS JOINING FORCES WITH I. W. W. STRIKERS

**Frantic Bosses Run Squealing to Capitalist Court for Injunction. I. U. 440 Answers by Tightening Up Strike and Extending Picket Lines**

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The National Screw and Manufacturing Co. strikers are still out solidly behind their demand that the company keep its promise and grant a general 10 per cent increase in wages. Despite swarms of thugs that pounce upon strikers whenever they find them in an unprotected spot, frameup arrests, injunction proceedings, letters, visits, etc. the company is finding it impossible to recruit a scab operating force.

During the week just past the Company received a stunning if not knockout blow when the tool and die making department lined up in a body into the I. W. W. and took its place on the picket lines.

The tool room is composed of about 72 men. At the time of the strike 14 of these workers belonged to the I. W. W. Some of the rest were Company union, some had A. F. of L. leanings, and some were altogether unaffiliated.

When the strike was declared, the toolmakers unaffiliated with the I. W. W. did not go in to work, but declared that they would take no active part in the strike, preferring to occupy a neutral position.

This group held meetings every day to discuss their stand and check up on their departmental members. These meetings were addressed by Company "big shots" who every day exhorted them to return to work.

Finally these workers saw the point that in class war there is no neutrality, that one must choose sides, either the bosses' side or the workers' side. And so, resenting the attempts of the company officials to get them to scab, they voted unanimously to join the strikers and the I. W. W.. When these men came from their own meeting and marched into the I. W. W. strike meeting at Bohemian Hall and down the center aisle to the front, they were greeted with a tremendous ovation. And as several of their number mounted to the stage to say a few words to the assemblage, each speaker was greeted with a salvo of applause.

The occasion was a truly inspiring one, and enough to make any boss sick to his stomach, for solidarity salts is one medicine the bosses hate to take.

The company, realizing that the daily solidarity displayed on the picket lines, with its spectacle of hundreds of strikers parading before the entrances to the plant, was a very strong argument against the company's theory that the employees really wanted to work but were being kept from so doing from "outside interference", lost little time in petitioning the courts for an injunction restricting picketing to two at each entrance. The company's "prayer" to the court was very interesting and clearly showed the power of the strikers.

The following are quotations from this prayerful document:

"For several months preceding the filing of this petition, approximately eighty percent of its products has been manufactured to special specifications required by its customers. Of such special products very little, if any, stock is on hand."

"The operation of plaintiff's business is necessarily performed by employees having experience, some for many years on particular machine operations in it plants. The average length of service o said employees is probably longer than in most other concerns in the Cleveland industrial community".

"Plaintiff has on hand a large number of valuable orders which require almost immediate delivery, which have not yet been manufactured. Further delay in the manufacture and shipment of these orders will cause their cancellation with incalcuable loss to the plaintiff's good will and of its products already manufactured, eighty per cent of which is special".

"Substantially, the plaintiff's plant is at a standstill due solely to the unlawful acts of the defendants in attempting to coerce others of plaintiff's employees to join them in the strike and to refrain from working for the plaintiff".

The court, presided over by Judge Dempsey, continued the hearing until Thursday, Feb. 28. At this time there is powerful local protest against the ready fashion in which judges have been issuing injunctions in current labor disputes. The soft soap must be applied here, or there is great danger that the entire working class will go radical and very likely join the I. W. W.

During the week, several more strikers and other I. W. W. members have been jailed on charges of disorderly conduct or of malicious destruction of property. All cases have been continued and the framed men are out on bail.

Benjamin Kish. National Screw striker, was released from the hospital a few days ago after more than a week's confinement. Fellow Worker Kish had been brutally beaten by company thugs while walking along Quincy Ave. near the plant. Thugs also fell upon the car of Joe Namestnick, American Stove Enameling Division. Job branch chairman and smashed in the windows. Another striker had his car stolen while parked near the plant.

A strike bulletin is being issued every day and distributed on the picket lines informing the strikers of the latest news and developments.

Last Friday a special meeting of the company's board of directors was held. The outcome of this conference is at the present time unknown.—**Pub. Comm.**

## Sandpoint Workers To Strike For Better Relief Conditions

SANDPOINT, Ida.—A meeting was called February 14 by the Sandpoint I. W. W. Relief Workers to decide on some action to take against relief conditions.

A large percent of people were cut out of relief entirely and left destitute. Those left on the rolls were cut down to $1.50 per person per week and some got less.

The workers voted to strike for more direct relief and decided that if their demands were not granted, they would canvas all the business houses in town for money and food, not failing to mention and explain to each about the way the relief treated them.

Kabot, the IERA Administrator of Sandpoint stated in the daily bulletin that he "could not give more commodities if he did not have them to give". But the workers were striking for money and not commodities. He did not say that he did not have funds or point blank that he did not have commodities.

The workers, after canvassing the stores, returned to the relief office and kept the directors there until each of the strikers had received an order.

We unemployed have got to live while we wait for better conditions. After all the General Strike and organization is the only way!—73L5.

The capitalists have their unions: The Merchants and Manufacturers Associations, Chamber of Commerce, the trusts, and super-trusts. But for us workers they advocate "rugged individualism," "individual initiative," etc., so that we would remain unorganized, and be easy pickings for them.

### ARE UNIONS NEEDED?

In tobacco stemmeries, recently investigated by the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, the following wage rates prevailed among the 5125 workers employed:

2.2% averaged less than 8c per hr.;
66.1% averaged less than 12c per hr.;
87.6% averaged less than 15c per hr.

The weekly earnings were as follows for 55 hours:

10.7% earned less than $5 per week;
37.9% earned betw. $5 and $10 p. wk.;
50% earned between $10 and $15 p. wk.

Only 1.4 per cent, or 14 out of every thousand, earned more than $15 per week. Because of these wage rates, the labor cost of the stemmery operation amounts to about 1 cent for every ten packages of cigarettes.

### Nation-wide Match Strike Looms

BARBERTON, O.—A nationwide match strike became probable as all unions affiliated with the newly organized National Match Workers Council voted that body authority to call a strike if negotiations with the companies fail.

### The Price of War—What It Would Buy

An English statistician has computed the sums of money spent by the various warring nations during the World War for senseless destruction and has arrived at the conclusion that the money would have sufficed—

to buy a house with garden, garage and other outbuildings at the value of $8,000 for each family in the United States, Canada, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia.

to build a 10 million dollar hospital in each city of these countries of 200,000 or more inhabitants,

to erect a library in each of these cities at the same value,

to give each of these cities a university for 20 millions,—

and still have enough money left to buy all the real estate of France and Belgium at pre-war prices.

## Fighting IWW Offers Only Hope for AF of L Building Tradesmen

TACOMA, Wash. — On Feb. 14 the Building Trades called an open meeting for the purpose of organizing the road pavers, whose work is all under the PWA and has cut their wages down to as low as 40 cents an hour, this group of workers number over 100 men and ar unorganized, they have signified their desire to organize as a body, but the Fakeration is trying to separate them according to their craft unions, this of course does not appeal to them.

The building laborers who are under the Building Trades Council have not been able to break down the PWA scale of wages, so how in the world do they expect to do it in independent groups? The only solution to this organized confusion is the power of the fighting One Big Union.

The Building Trades laborers are stil' working on many jobs for 56 cents an hour which was the Building Trades scale in 1933, and on many jobs that have started in the past two months organized labor is working for the same wages as unorganized labor. Does this not prove that the good, hard-earned money you pay for dues and special assessments are going to make your highly-paid "pie card" officials more secure? They have not been on the "point" for so long—they have forgotten about you.

Put a red card in your pocket today and be on the streamline road to Industrial Freedom. Let's make Building Construction Workers Industrial Union No. 330 of the I. W. W. the union for all Building Workers in the Northwest. Let's go!—**31-R-R-5.**

GENEVA. — Approximately 12,000,000 industrial workers and artisans are unemployed in China, according to official figures released by the Chinese department of the Intl. Labor Office.

DRESDEN, Germany. — Twenty-four members of the underground united front movement of Germany, accused of plotting against the Nazi state, have been sentenced to jail terms ranging from nine months to 10 years.

Fifty thousand million dollars was what the World's War (for prosperity and democracy) cost American taxpayers, according to the figures of Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau. . . . Too bad there wasn't a "satisfaction - or - money - back" guarantee. $50,000,000,000 would be a tidy sum to help feed us during the depression.

## Coal Barons Unite as Union Men Fight Over Jurisdiction

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (FP) — While the two unions of hard coal miners are fighting each other, with two miners dead, killed by fellow-workers, the operators have decided that quarrels may be all right for the mineworkers, but not for the employers.

A group of independent operators has just organized Independent Anthracite Coals, Inc. Controlling about 20 percent of the output (over 10,000,000 tons in 1934), they will follow the lead of the seven major companies in "bringing about better conditions for the industry."

Independents in the anthracite industry now produce less than 15 percent of the total, and soon may join the new group, thus making anthracite a 100 percent monopolized industry.

"RELIEF WORKER SHOVELING SNOW DISCOVERS ALLIGATOR IN NEW YORK SEWER"—headline.

Can't tell what you won't get on relief these days.

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## *For a General Strike*

Workingmen and women cannot afford to shut their eyes to the fact that thus far all working class efforts to stop war and Fascism have failed. If we are sincere and loyal to the cause of labor it behooves each and every one of us to discover the cause of this failure in order to profit by past mistakes and to make victory more reasonably certain. Unless we can do this, the horrible fate of our fellow workers in war-torn, dictator-ridden Europe will be our fate also.

Practically all of us are agreed that a "united front" is necessary to bind together the divided forces of Labor into a more efficient fighting unit. Most of us realize that this solidarity should include **all** elements of the Labor Movement—the extreme right as well as the extreme left. That is the problem, and it is a big one. What to do about it is the question.

The I. W. W. suggests the industrial field as common ground for united working class action against War and Fascism. It suggests an aggressive and united drive of education and agitation in favor of a General Strike as the means for saving millions of our class from the needless barbarities of capitalistic war and the equally needless barbarities of Fascist dictatorship.

The General Executive Board of the I. W. W. has recently decided to approach every labor union in the country with the proposition of uniting, for joint industrial action in case of war or Fascism. If you are interested in this program, as a member of a craft or other union, why not see that the membership of your organization find out what the General Strike can do to save them from disaster? If you belong to a political party, why not see to it that your comrades take a militant stand in favor of such action? If you wish to inform yourself further about this vitally important matter, why not send for the I. W. W. official pamphlet on the subject, "The General Strike for Industrial Freedom". This pamphlet sounds the keynote of the entire situation. It should be distributed in huge numbers during this great campaign.

## *Poison Root — Poison Fruit*

War and Fascism are not seperate and unrelated things. They grow on the same branch and are nourished by the same poisonous sap. They are the bitter fruit of the tree of Profit. They will continue to flourish until the entire Price System is uprooted and destroyed. Liberals and reformers as well as many so-called "revolutionists", who would destroy the fruit without laying the ax to the root, are wasting their efforts. War is war under any circumstances, and Fascism is only one of many kinds of dictatorships fitting into the same general category.

War, Fascism, and all kind of dictatorships are atavistic "throw backs" to force-ruled, horror-haunted darkness of Mankind's yesterdays. They belong to the era of Scarcity, which characterized the pastoral, agricultural or early Machine Age economy. In the modern Super Power Age in which we are now living, they have become monstrous anachronisms. War, Fascism, and exploitation are monuments to the stupidity and blindness of a ruling class that insists on throttling potential abundance in order to produce goods for sale instead of for use. Barter, money, profits and markets all belong to an era of scarcity which made necessary these crude methods of exchanging goods and services.

Modern super-power production—mass production—is **scientific production,** and scientific production calls for **scientific distribution.** But something stands in the way—the private control of socially necessary machinery and resources. No relief is in sight as long as a small coterie of industrial hijackers are permitted to use this control for purposes of extortion and exploitation.

The social problem is no longer a matter of speculation and theorizing; it is a matter of fact. The fact is that the new type of almost automatic super-power machinery demands the abolition of barter, money, profits and markets and the inauguration of a correspondingly modern system of distributing goods. In other words, the alternative now is, mass distribution or chaos, and the I. W. W. with its program of Scientific Industrialism is on the side of social and industrial advancement.

The people of this country and of the earth can live without barter, money, profits and markets, but they can not live without goods and services. Also they can live, and live a great deal better and more comfortably without the class that lives parasitically on such socially useless and dangerous things as barter, money, profits and markets. Thus war and Fascism in the modern world find themselves on the wrong side of the fence. When the inevitable showdown comes, all individuals, institutions and movements founded upon or tolerating the outgrown scarcity-concept of Price will be tumbled into a common oblivion. And this includes not only businessmen, war makers and Fascists, but also the whole tribe of dogma-dizzy "proletarian" dictators and would-be dictators of the 57 varieties.

## *The I. W. W. and War*

The I. W. W. came into existence just in time to participate in some of the most bitterly contested struggles of the Labor Movement. Its career has been one of glory and achievement. Strike victory after strike victory of major proportions were added to its unparalelled record of service for the working class. And each of these victories was something more than a contest for better wages, hours and conditions. In a general way they were all revolutionary strikes, aimed at the very life of the System of Exploitation itself. The bosses feared and execrated the I. W. W. They lied about it in the Kept Press and on all occasions leveled the finger of ridicule at it. Its members were treated with the utmost severity by the authorities. But neither lies, ridicule nor persecution could stop the onward march of the fighting and singing One Big Union. The workers respected the I. W. W. and placed their confidence in it. That confidence has never been betrayed. For these reasons the I. W. W. became, as Bill Haywood put it, the "best loved and worst hated labor union in the world".

In 1917, when it was only twelve years old, the I. W. W. undertook the most desperate and heroic of all its many fights. It was a fight against the stupidiest, most destructive and most un-called for war in history—the war to protect the European investments of the Wall Street parasites. As far as the working class is concerned this colossal blood-letting was costly and disastrous. Just as the I. W. W. predicted in 1917 the World War ended, not in a victory for "Democracy", but in a victory for Despotism, Depressions and Dictatorships.

In taking a militant stand against the world slaughterfest, the I. W. W. was only doing its duty to Labor. Any other course would have been betrayal or a compromise of principles. So the I. W. W. with only twelve years back of it, undertook to stem the tide of national insanity, hatred and intolerance with what resources it had at hand. The ensuing struggle threw a fear into the exploiters and war-makers of the world from which they have not yet recovered.

## *Historic Labor Struggle*

In its historic struggle against the orgy of greed and blood-lust which swept the world in 1917 the I. W. W. took the lead in the United States Australia and wherever it had gained a foothold. And it made the fullest possible use of its industrial tactics and industrial power. While politicians and philosophers spouted and shouted, the I. W. W. proceeded with courage, determination and precision to use the one weapon which the Powers-that-Be feared—the strike weapon. Seventy thousand loggers in the Pacific Northwest, forty thousand metal miners in Butte and Arizona, twenty-five thousand construction and marine workers testified to the fact that the American working class, under proper leadership, are capable of putting up a magnificent fight for a common objective and on a far-flung battle line when occasion demands. When the future General Strike for Industrial Freedom takes place, it will be found that a great deal of its pattern and inspiration will be derived from the historic struggle of 1917 in which the I. W. W. took the lead in crystalizing mass discontent into organized industrial action.

As might be expected, the profiteering, "patriotic" Business Interests were not idle. They did not fear the speeches of the politicians nor the moral indignation of the outraged but unorganized war resisters. They feared—and had good reason to fear—the organized industrial power of that militant young giant, the I. W. W. And their blows were scattered accordingly. Socialists, liberals and pacifists got off comparatively lightly, but the I. W. W. felt the full force of the hatred and wrath of the Parasite Class. Its headquarters were raided, its mail rejected by the Post Office and its officers and editors sentenced to prison, for terms aggregating hundreds of years. Outside of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist, (but one of the founders of the I. W. W.) and a few other valiant rebels, the I. W. W. alone was singled out for war-time imprisonment. Bill Haywood, its General Secretary, each member of the G. E. B. and each of its dozen or so editors, received twenty year prison sentences. The Bisbee deportation, the Tulsa outrage and the lynching of Frank Little are among the extra legal measures used by the Powers-that-Be to cripple or destroy the fighting I. W. W. It is estimated that, at the height of the persecution, between three and four thousand rank-and-file members and officers of the I. W. W. were in jail or prison at one time.

## *"Bloody, but Unbowed"*

During all this period of heroic struggle and sacrifice the I. W. W. managed to function and stay alive. And it continued to fight the enemies of the working class during all these years of terrible struggle. It is significant also that the I. W. W. was not only forced to fight the Vested Interests, it was also confronted with the minor irritation of opposition from the cowardly and despicable "Yellow" element of the Labor Movement. Typical of this was the attitude of the "spineless, brainless" S. L. P., whose press and publications gave aid and comfort to the Employing Class in many a court trial. One of its most rabid leaders, Karm, even went so far as to appear in the role of stool pigeon before Judge Landis in Chicago, acting as informer for the prosecution in an effort to send I. W. W. members to prison!

In spite of all opposition and betrayal the I. W. W. outrode the storm. It emerged from the war, shaken but unwhipped. It is in the fight today with more determination and clarity of vision than ever before. More than ever the I. W. W. is convinced that the weapon to defeat war and Fascism is the weapon that must ultimately be used to destroy the hated Wage System itself—the General Strike. Experience has shown that this is the ONE tactic the exploiters fear above all others. The Labor Movement of Continental Europe is a graveyard, because workers relied upon political parties instead of their own organized power in industry. American wage workers should profit by the mistake that was made and seek to build up a united fighting front on the industrial field—the One Big Union of the entire working class which alone can make, not only wars and Fascism, but the Wage System itself forevermore impossible. The I. W. W. has pointed the way and blazed the trail.

## MR. STOCK KOLDER



Mr. Stock Kolder is a wiley cuss. Like the Irishman's louse, it's hard to put your finger on him. He makes a loud noise about "patriotism" in five or six different countries at the same time. But the only thing he's really interested in is, "Does it pay?" Arms to enemy nations, Tommy guns to gangsters or rotten food to the government—it's all one to Stock Kolder, just so he can "cop the swag".

This worthy and respectable gentleman is the backbone of that colossal modern racket known as "Business Enterprise". He is the power behind the throne in every "soulless corporation". He is impersonal, implacable—beyond reproach or punishment. All laws and all governments were designed for his convenience and protection. Needless to say, Stock Kolder is strong for having all I. W. W.'s hung, drawn and quartered.

When the great General Strike for Industrial Freedom takes place Stock Kolder and his whole parasite tribe will be the first ones to be smoked out and put in overalls And the old argument, "I'm only a little fellow" won't go, either!

## THE RED FEAST

By RALPH CHAPLIN

Go fight, you fools! Tear up the earth with strife
And spill each other's guts upon the field;
Serve unto death the men you served in life
So that their wide dominions may not yield.

Stand by the flag—the lie that still allures;
Lay down your lives for land you do not own,
And give unto a war that is not yours;
Your gory tithe of mangled flesh and bone.

Remember too that if you die or kill,
You must not pause to question why nor where.
You see the tiny crosses on that hill?
It took all those to make one millionaire.

It was for such the seas of blood were shed
That fields were razed and cities lit the sky;
That they might come to chortle o'er the dead—
The condor Things for whom the millions die!

The bugle screams, the cannons cease to roar.
"Enough! enough! God give us peace again."
The rats, the maggots and the Lords of War
Are fat to bursting from their meal of men.

So stagger back, you stupid dupes who've "won",
Back to your stricken towns to toil anew,
For there your dismal tasks are still undone.
And grim Starvation gropes again for you.

What matters now your flag, your race, the skill
Of scattered legions—what has been the gain?
Once more beneath the lash you must distil
Your lives to glut a glory wrought of pain.

In peace they starve you to your loathsome toil,
In war they drive you to the teeth of Death;
And when your life-blood soaks into their soil
They give you lies to choke your dying breath.

So will they smite your blind eyes until you see,
And lash your naked backs until you know
That wasted blood can never set you free.
From fettered thraldom to the Common Foe.

Then you will find that "nation" is a name
And boundaries are things that don't exist;
That Labor's bondage, world-wide, is the same,
And ONE the enemy it must resist.

### READ IT AND WEEP

This happy lyric comes from the pen of John D. Rockefeller, multi-millionaire oil-chiseler.

"I was early taught to work as well as play.
My life has been one long happy holiday,
Full of work, full of play—
I dropped the worry on the way—
And God was good to me every day."

### Things That Never Happen



MUNITIONS MAKER PRAYING FOR PEACE

### THE POOR

Ninety per cent of the houses in the country, 80 per cent of those in small towns and 30 per cent of city homes have no running water, bathrooms, toilets or electric lights. At the same time 56 per cent of the building trades workers are totally unemployed and 24 per cent are working only part time.

### WHERE DEATH HITS HARDEST

In the working years between 15 and 64, unskilled laborers, largely because of poverty, have almost twice as high a death rate as business and professional men, according to an analysis of the 1930 census.

Only one out of every four children from workers' families get any education beyond the eighth grade. 2,280,000 children of school age are not in school, according to a 1934 report of the United States Commissioner of Education.

### THE RICH

The income of one average millionaire is equal to that of 6,800 families living on relief. (Federal Income Tax returns and Relief figures).

Alfred L. DuPont had a gross income of $29,586,000 between 1920 and 1926 on which he did not pay a single cent of income tax.

Looking for an employment, is the most steady employment under capitalism.

## Does American Boss Class Plan War To Get Rid of Jobless?

**Situation as Regards War and Fascism as Visualized by One Wage Worker. Jap Jingoism Asset to Parasites.**

War! Now that the master class have reached the end of their rule they look to you to give then an extension on the time they can exploit the workers. The warehouses are still bursting despite the attempts to create an artificial demand or artificial scarcity. The NRA promises are still unfilled as far as the worker is concerned. Of course profits were boosted by the NRA; so were prices. Wages? The increase is far behind the increase in prices. There are twelve million and more unemployed who must be fed, who cannot be placed in industry again under the present system. The wages of the workers are such that the master class must care for these millions of unemployed or else what? War? Fascism?

**The Masters Lay Plans**

The masters are frantic. Shall we try Fascism? Maybe a Huey Long or Father Coughlin or some other outstanding personality could help us keep our sacred profits? Shall we try one or wait a little while? If Hooey Long is a good Hitler he could burn all the pesky radical books, put the Reds in concentration camps to starve, and chase the Jews out. But, even if we put a dictator in power how can we get rid of the menace of the unemployed? Did someone say War?? Ah, yes, just the thing. With who, Germany or Japan?

**The War Begins to Take Shape**

Now, let's see; it's agreed that our only hope is a nice juicy war to kill off these menacing unemployed. There isn't much left of Germany, but Japan seems to be the chief menace. Why sure, isn't Japan threatening our interests in China, in the Phillipines? Aren't the Japs menacing our farmers in the west? Why, they use cheap labor to produce tons of merchandise and then try to squeeze us off the market by underselling us! They buy our scrap iron and build battleships to destroy us! It looks like Japan is our chief menace. Something m u s t be done! Have the newspapers stir up hatred for Japan and get the munitions plants running full speed!! **We must put Japan in her place!**

**Benefits of a Nice Juicy War**

Just think, besides getting rid of our chief competitor, Japan, we'll also unload our surpluses on her and get rid of the pesky unemployed!

We'll pay our Patriotic American Workers a dollar a day to kill the Japs. And we'll see to it that the 12,000,000 unemployed "loafers" are taken care of. Yes, sir, at least twelve million men must be done away with and what 100 per cent American wouldn't be willing to die for his country! Too bad we're too old to fight for our country (laughter). Well, gentlemen, it's decided then, that Japan must be "put in her place (also the unemployed). We must see to it that we have plenty of ammunition and gases. Let's start the war on July 4th. Full speed ahead!

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The ancient memorial to Civic Virtue in front of New York's city hall is going to be removed.

That will destroy the last hint of civic virtue in Gotham.

Western Union reports that its profit in 1934 was less than in 1933.

Well, the Hauptmann trial should put them in the black for 1935.




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# TRUE LABOR SOLIDARITY

**Any movement or any man seeking in any way to DIVIDE the ranks of Labor, or to swerve Labor from its true revolutionary INDUSTRIAL goal—that movement or that man is the ENEMY of Labor.**

## Senate Document Reveals Grafting of War Pay-triots

**Amazing Disclosures of Profits from Mass Murder.—23,000 Millionaires created. —Present-day Tories Eager to Repeat Performance.**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Let us see how patriotic a lot of these private outfits were that furnished munitions of war to the United States government in the last war. They had an opportunity in 1917 to prove their patriotism, and showed themselves to be just sordid money grabbers. Let us see what happened when these gentlemen had a chance to show their loyalty to the government that protects them and their property.

As a result of contracts, made with alleged patriotic American businessmen, goods were shipped to France for a year after the Armistice. When the end came, we had over $2,000,000,000 worth of materials in France. During the war contracts were let for every conceivable sort of thing. We even shipped to France corn planters, cultivators, grain drills, drag harrows, disk harrows, thousands of manure spreaders! Possibly these were used to lick the Kaiser.

During the war, the government had 391,000 horses. Let us see what some of these patriotic businessmen did to us through their lobbyists. For these the Government ordered 945,000 saddles, over a million sets of double harness, 1,637,197 horse brushes, 2,029,418 horse covers, 2,850,853 halters and on top of these frightful expenditures it piled a cost of 195,000 branding irons. They made those out of copper so that they would cost a little more. The bright boy who had the branding iron contract did not get these branding irons ready in time to ship before the show was over and he made Uncle Same give him $40,000 for loss of profits that he would have made had he been able to ship these cute little ornaments to France.

We were not satisfied with that sort of a deal with this copper branding iron boy. He had 20,000 pounds of copper left that he could not use, and the government took it off his hands at 39½ cents a pound and immediately sold it to him for 11 cents a pound.

A concern that had a contract to build howitzer carriages. None of these howitzer carriages were delivered when the Armistice came. The Government had built the buildings where they were to be made. Now, let us see what Uncle Sam did. He had built the buildings, had supplied the machinery and supplied all the materials. The buildings cost the Government $2,987,200. After the Armistice the Government sold these buildings back to the company for $600,000. The materials on hand at that time were worth $5,558,000 and all this valuable material was sold to this outfit under the classification of junk for $300,000.

In spite of all that, we allowed these fellows to finish 200 of these carriages, although they were not needed—the war was over—for which the Government paid them $18,582,428—290.999 percent profit, Impossible, you might say. Well, you do not know the possibilities of a good war! If you are inclined to doubt, you can examine Senate Document 259 which also reveals that a coal operator reported profits as high as 7856 percent. Meat packers made as high as 4,244 percent, canners of food and vegetables 2,032 percent! Now you can see how we created 23,000 war time millionaires who grabled at least $23,000,000,000 profit.

## "Nothing Alarming"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (FP)—"There is nothing alarming about the incident," San Antonio physicians and nurses announced as approximately 150 transients fainted or writhed on the floor of a federal relief transient camp following a meal which caused phomaine poisoning.

One transient is said to be dying, and 45 others are in a serious condition. Authorities have refused to give the names of those stricken, and absolute secrecy surrounds the entire affair. As the poison began to work, an emergency call was sent to Fort Sam Houston for stomach pumps while the building was hastily cleared of all but the 600 transients.

## Harness Bulls

NEW YORK. (FP)—Close on the heels of announcements by New York City officials that cops and firemen would be used as strikebreakers in the tidal strike wave which has hit the city, Alderman Edward J. Sullivan announced that he would present a resolution before the board of aldermen to end the pay cuts of all first-grade police and firemen.

The American navy may or may not be the queen of the seas but it certainly is a prince of good fellows when it tells shipbuilders to make their bids extra high so that they can make plenty of profit on warships.

Workers Who Fight One Another




Cannot Fight The Common Enemy.

# ABOLISH UNEMPLOYMENT – HOW?

**Is the Thirty-Hour Week Sufficient for Present-day Needs? The I. W. W. Four-Hour Day Proposal Analyzed.**

By C. C. C.

A much discussed proposal today is the thirty-hour week. Legislation along this line is being attempted in the Seventy-fourth Congress. If enacted into law, it is doubtful how much good it will do. Past experience with Labor laws have taught many of us that they can be and have been violated at will, except in those cases where the workers had a powerful economic organization to back them up.

Many people today claim that a thirty-hour week will abolish unemployment, say it will only partially relieve the situation. What can be actually accomplished with such a work schedule is hard to state offhand, but we know it would help in some little measure at least. However, we could not expect employers to experiment with such a proposition because they are not interested in anything other than profits. Yet, we might briefly review three branches of our industrial life and see how it would work out.

**Distribution and Public Service.**

In this division there is perhaps one of the best opportunities to make a thirty-hour work most effective. In wholesale and retail stores, department stores, food and beverage dispensing establishments, delivery service and such public service institutions where workers are now employed from forty to more than sixty hours a week, there is room for much improvement and without a doubt in many cases a thirty-hour work week could be adopted without much intereference in the production schedule.

What we have in mind is the adoption of the two shift system each week which would place double the amount of workers on the job than there is now. But what employer of labor would want to pay two shifts of workers each week at the same rate of wages? No cut of the present pay schedule would mean a double weekly payroll.

Now, if a thirty-hour law was enacted to cover such a proposal, could an employer be made to live up to it? No, because past experience has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that labor laws have been violated at will. This is true in the western mining states where the eight-hour law has been winked at. Moreover, employer violations tried in our courts or before boards and commissions have nearly always resulted in favor of employers. Prosecutions of employers have been half-hearted and this has also proven so true in NRA Code disputes. In this connection we might briefly mention what the definition of a code means. A code is supposed to be "A Body of Classified Laws or Regulations" according to our dictionaries. That is something to be guided by—something to abide by and live up to. But what employers do it? The rich sneer at laws.

Labor legislation then can only benefit the workers, if they have a powerful economic organization. In such a case we see no necessity for a thirty-hour law because the Union Hall decision would be the law.

**Manufacturing and General Production.**

What production schedule could be kept on an even keel? No two thirty-hour shifts could be maintained each week because that would give us a sixty-hour production schedule. Even at a forty-hour production schedule it would only absorb enough workers for one-and-one-third shifts under the thirty-hour week. According to present day and future needs, it is about certain no forty-hour production schedule weekly it required because the modern machine and technological developments have already gone beyond all dreams and expectations. So what are we to expect from future developments in modes of production?

The more these matters are studied, the more complex they become. In view of this, is it any wonder that so-called experts and economists are having brainstorms? How could we even expect politicians and others to solve something they know nothing about? It might work out about the same way as taking a child from the cradle and expecting it to do the impossible.

Therefore, this brings us back to the proposals offered some two years ago by the IWW and later by Technocracy, that of the four-hour day and four-day week. Under this plan, with two shifts of workers each week, we would have a production schedule of thirty-two hours. If this rate could be maintained on an even keel, it would bring us closer, perhaps, to the point where we could expect some relief from unemployment. But no one could hope to see such a schedule unless the workers' economic organization had the power to maintin it, so that all would have sufficient to live in decency.

**General Construction.**

Considerable construction work in the past two years has been done under a thirty-hour week basis. In some instances two crews each week have been on the job, but due to the fact that the hourly wage schedule was not increased, these workers did not benefit from the standpoint of receiving sufficient compensation for a decent existence. Their standard of living was reduced simply because they lacked economic organization. This applies generally to most PWA projects. On the whole, however, there has been nothing exceptionally noticeable so far as improvement of workers conditions are concerned. In many cases engineers have attempted to keep the working force down to a minimum.

But if we take it from the viewpoint of the construction theory which is a big and speedy production schedule for completion of a project, then it is to the advantage of the engineer or contractor to run a twenty-four hour working day if he is so situated to do it. Under such a schedule it would undeniably relieve unemployment because, with the thirty-hour week, four daily six-hour shilfts could be employed, while better yet under the IWW proposals we would have six daily four-hour shifts. The IWW plan of the four-hour day and four-day week affords the greatest opportunity for actual relief from unemployment in the number of men involved. Of course, it would shorten the time and speed up the completion of a project.

Again we see where the workers would receive no real benefit unless they were organized in powerful industrial unions, so as to maintain a wage schedule adequate for the occasion.

**Organization for Control of Industry—The Solution.**

In sizing up the entire situation, we might inquire: "Is the thirty-hour week really sufficient for present day needs?" The depression has been so far-reaching and the development of production so great, that it is very doubtful what it could accomplish. The four-hour day and the four-day week seems the most likely program of relief.

Naturally the thirty-hour week is a step in the right direction and we should help it along, BUT, a thirty-hour law enacted upon the statute books might easily become legislative nonsense and a smoke screen for politicians (in making people believe something has been done), unless the workers have an effective industrial organization **to control the law and enforce it!**

Most Labor Legislation and the NRA Codes have been so abused and violated that what intelligent worker could have faith and confidence in them? In view of that where are the benefits? In reality, wage schedules, hours and conditions of workers have only been respected and upheld where there was effective economic organization.

Therefore, today we see a greater need for organized cooperation than ever before because of the plight of the masses. A movement of the working class must be created and knit together in such a way, as to deal with the situation as it should be dealt with. It must exercise the power to control the means of life for the required needs of all. Consumer and producer must meet on a common ground as such. Employed and unemployed must devise ways and means to solve the problems of their future welfare. That means greater cooperation and coordination, so that those connected with each industry will be united in One Union for the sole purpose of taking control of that industry and produce on the basis of USE and not for profits—on the basis of Human Needs.

Today we know the cause of the evils of Capitalism and its greedy Price System; we have seen the effects in unemployment and misery; we now merely lack applying the proper remedy, that of abolition of capitalism and its Price System. We cannot deal with generalities or effects or side issues. We must go directly to the source of the trouble by removing the cause of evils.

The fundamental principle in life is not how many hours we can labor, or how many pieces of silver we can jingle in our pockets. Our main object in life is the right to live in decency and enjoy all the treasures of Mother Earth as Nature intended. That is the only issue there really is today or ever was for that matter. As workers, we should have only one aim and object in view, that of working unceasingly for the abolition of capitalism. We should develop and familiarize the of idea of **production for use and not for profit.**

Upon the workers of today rests the destiny of the future. There will be no solution of mass unemployment and hunger until you solve it yourself. The hope of the future is revolutionary Industrial Unionism. Organized in powerful industrial units along One Big Union lines, you can take over the ownership of the tool and machinery of production, so as to produce for use and human needs! Unite for the future! You have nothing to lose! You have a world to gain!

## The One SURE Way of Stopping War and Fascism




# War Hysteria

By MARK TWAIN

There has never been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The pulpit will—warily and cautiously—object—at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnest and indignantly, "It is unjust and dishonorable and there is no necessity for it."

Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity.

Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare to say so.

And the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war-cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open.

Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.

## Will American Big Business Want War if Recovery Fails?

**Are Heavy Armaments and Naval Demonstrations Indication of Forestalling Revolution by Involving American and Japanese Workers in Slaughterfest?**

NEW YORK. (FP)—While the people of the country are still aroused over the huge profits made by the merchants of death during the World War, close observers of international affairs are repeatedly asking this question:

"Is Franklin D. Roosevelt preparing for war with Japan?"

The question was raised, all the more sharply when Today, the magazine edited by Roosevelt's close associate, Raymond Moley, featured a story headed, Is Japan Looking for a Scrap?

The article pointed out that in the three years following the incident at Shanghai, where poorly-armed Chinese soldiers held Japan for weeks against enormous odds, the Japanese have been building up their military and naval machine at a tremendous pace.

The Japanese navy, it was pointed out, is already practically at the peak allowed under the London Naval Agreement, which is still in force. However, a navy is no stronger than its auxiliary fleet and the Japanese were very weak in this regard three years ago. Then the government started paying a substantial bonus to any firm which would scrap two tons of old shipping and build one ton of new, modern, rapid merchant shipping. The result is that Japan now has the modern, speedy auxiliary fleet which her navy so seriously needs.

Japan's great military weakness is her lack of raw materials, especially iron ore and oil—two munitions more important than powder in modern war. She has overcome her lack of steel reserves by putting the whole steel industry of Japan in the hands of one corporation, controlled by the government. This corporation is heavily subsidized on condition, it is charged, that 1,500,000 tons of steel shall constantly be kept as a war reserve.

Ray Tucker, author of Today's article, suggests that this reserve is enough to carry on war for at least a year. At least it is a substantial reserve.

Tucker also points out that the great bulk of the raw material for this war machine, which Japan has been building for three years, has come from the United States. Japan's purchases of scrap iron have jumped from 48,000 tons to more than a million tons a year during the last five years. She has not only built her navy to the full strength allowed under her treaty obligations, but has mechanized her army with a number of tanks, big guns, heavy trucks, etc., until she is as thoroughly prepared for war as steel can make her.

Her people also have been prepared for the sacrifices of war, by a propaganda campaign unequalled anywhere in the world. The military-fascist group which seems undeniably the strongest influence in the Japanese state has whipped up war fever, especially against Russia and the United States, to a pitch seldom if every equalled in peacetime in any country.

That is the picture on one side of the Pacific. The other side of the picture is bad enough. The people of the United States certainly do not want war with Japan. Even those who make war on the coldblooded basis of how much profit can be made out of it, can find little justification for a war with Japan in our business with the Orient. Standard Oil sells a lot of kerosene there but hardly enough to risk the losses of a major conflict.

Nevertheless on this side of the Pacific the navy is being built at a more rapid pace than it ever has in peacetime before. On this side of the Pacific the greatest fleet ever to be commanded by one man is being sent to the very neighborhood of Japan for a great war game this spring—as grave an insult as any one great power ever gave another.

Dr. Charles A. Beard, prominent liberal historian, recently wrote a syndicated article in which he said that everything in the past indicated that the Roosevelt administration, having failed to solve the depression problems, would turn to war as the way out and predicted that war with Japan would be the answer to the failure of recovery to come.

The building of the navy at tremendous speed, the anti-Japan war scare article in the administration's mouthpiece, the naval war games in the Pacific—all these indicate that Dr. Beard is right, and that the common people of these two nations are being led to slaughter. Dr .Beard is also true in saying that beyond that war lies the Shadow of Unseen Things—Frank L. Palmer.

Many Washington observers are wondering if that proposed new law prohibiting "un-American" propaganda will include the National Ass'n. of Manufacturers and the U. C. Chamber of Commerce?

## THE FOUR HOUR DAY, FOUR DAY WEEK WITH NO WAGE CUTS

THIS IS THE I.W.W. REMEDY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

# AW, GIVE US A REST!

By COVAMI

"Listen, Folks! You know Me!
Me, the LIBERAL!
I like to be FAIR and JUST to EVERYBODY!
I DON'T like REVOLUTIONS, bloody or otherwise—
They MESS UP things TOO MUCH!
Besides, I believe in being REASONABLE.
I don't trust the EMOTIONS—
They make you so MAD you want to DO SOMETHING about it RIGHT
HERE and RIGHT NOW—
And that is DANGEROUS!
Therefore, I say LET'S BE REASONABLE!
There's NOTHING you can't SETTLE around a ROUND TABLE!
And if you don't believe THAT, why, just watch the A. F. of L. EX-
ECUTIVES and MANAGEMENTS at work!
Around a ROUND TABLE there's NOTHING—
The CLASS STRUGGLE included—
Those Boys can't settle to THEIR satisfaction.
And it's the same with ALL ELSE if ONLY we TALK LONG ENUF.
Do THAT and, SOMETIME, SOMEHOW, WAR will CEASE and
PEACE will COME!
SOMETIME, Somehow, CAPITALISM will abolish ITSELF!
SOMETIME, Somehow, LABOR will come into ITS OWN!
Be PATIENT! Remember: You can catch more FLIES with HONEY
than you can with VINEGAR!
REASON, I say, SWEET can do ANYTHING, even to Reconcile the
IRRECONCILABLE! — —
Just as Woodrow Wilson PROVED at Paris! — —
Therefore, I say, LET'S BE REASONABLE!
'Workers ov the worrld, unite! Yez have nawthin' to lose but your
Brains, an' faith, yez haven't enny!"
That's what I say, I, the LIBERAL!"
And this is what I said: "Aw, Give us a REST!"

### GOOD ENOUGH

When some canned meat distributed by relief authorities in Toledo made children sick, it was tried on mice by local authorities. Their investigations proved that the meat was bad. It was then inspected by the U. S. Department of Agriculture who tried it on cats. The cats liked it, so the Federal authorities pronounced that the meat was good enough for the unemployed.

16,000 families in New York City live in cellars.

### SOCIETY NOTE

This is how Hearst's New York Daily Mirror commented on the marriage of Doris Duke, whose father sweated millions of dollars out of southern workers, and James R. Cromwell, wealthy young man-about-town:

"Their union is a triumph of love over obstacles."

You'd think these Germans would get used to the new regime.

Berlin citizens were reported tense over the proposed execution of some spies.

Maybe after "1,000 years of National Socialism" they won't be.

# MERCHANTS OF DEATH

**A Working Class Review of a Remarkable Book by H. C. Engelbrecht and F. C. Hanighen Exposing the Munitions Racket.**

The extent to which government ought to control the manufacture of war munitions, and the extent to which munitions manufacturers have controlled the government are not really questions of the greatest importance to the working class, since from the workers' point of view the government and the manufacturers are part and parcel of the same thing.

But for the reader that wants ammunition to shoot at one of the rottenest spots in the capitalist system "Merchants of Death" is a handy arsenal of facts to have on hand. The authors have selected numerous instructive incidents which illustrate the methods of the dealers in death and destruction. Among these is the classic deal of old J. P. Morgan with Uncle Sam back in 1861.

On this occasion Morgan, having heard of General Fremont's need of guns, purchased through an associate 5,000 obsolete and dangerously defective carbines. He then sold these government-condemned guns back to the government. His profit was the difference between $3.50 per gun which he paid and $22 per gun the price he received. He was put to a little trouble collecting his earnings because a commission which investigated the deal decided that since the guns were worthless and dangerous to the soldier that tried to shoot them, Morgan should have been satisfied with $13 a piece. But the old bucaneer insisted on the full amount according to the terms of the contract, and got it through the Court of Appeals.

As we turn the pages of the book and come to recent history we learn that this stunt of the elder Morgan, though a masterpiece in its way, belongs to the category of smart things done by children. The J. P. Morgan of our day made more money in two years of the World War than the elder J. P. made in a life time.

In this same period Du Pont stock rose from $20 to $1,000 a share and the war time profits of munitions manufacturers generally rose to astonishing figures.

The profits from this racket were in fact so exhorbitant that other, less favored, capitalists took time off from their own feast to complain of the bigger brothers' greed. The Federal Trade Commission was set to investigate. Nothing came of it. The lid was lifted slightly but it was hurridly clamped down again.

The armament industry was present at the birth of modern nationalism and the two have grown up side by side. No successful statesman has ever laid out plans for the State without considering the state of the arms industry in his own country and in that of his enemy. Investigation of the arms industry by governments is simply another case of capitalists investigating themselves.

The authors do a good job analyzing the difficulties that stand in the way of effecting an international embargo on the shipment of arms. They point out that only a few nations produce arms in any considerable quantity and that no nation is equipped to produce all the munitions it needs to carry on even a second rate war, and that therefore the proposal to stop international trade in arms in unanimously opposed, not only by the munitions makers, but other capitalists.

They point out also that government ownership of munitions plants would not be an influence in reducing the war danger, citing the case of Japan where these plants are nearly all owned by the government and where the zeal for war is certainly not less than in other countries.

Who it is that gets the lion's share of the swag from the ruthless games of war and exploitation is, of course, not so important to the wage worker. What is important to him is that the lives of his kind are no longer sacrificed in war and that their labor is not squandered in the production of useless and destructive things.

That portion of "Merchants of Death" which is devoted to a discussion of what is to be done to eliminate war may as well not have been written. A new civilization is needed to do away with the menace of war, say the authors. Fair enough, we do need a new civilization, but that statement as it stands would receive the endorsement of Krupp, Schneider, Du Pont, and the rest of the merchants.

As practical steps to bring about this warless civilization they propose the following: Support every move for the peaceful settlement of international disputes, oppose exhorbitant budgets for army and navy, support regional limitation of armaments, oppose nationalism and chauvinism in the schools and elsewhere.

After producing nearly 300 pages of first class reading matter it seems that these two writers could have figured out a better wind-up. But liberals are always cautious.—Carl Keller.

# International Peace — How Come?

***Too Many "Explanations" of War Causes. Munition Makers Stepped Into Kaiser's Boots as Scapegoat for War Responsibility. To Fight War, You Must Fight Capitalism.***

By F. W. THOMPSON

The style in explaining war has changed. Twenty years ago when the press was explaining that the World War was the offense of a wicked Kaiser, and the sin of a guilty nation that the righteous nations were busy punishing, a few voices persisted in asserting that it was a war for markets. This market explanation of war became quite the style at the close of the war. It was elaborated in working class circles thus: Workers produce more than they get: the employing class cannot sell this surplus to themselves, and so they must find backward nations to whom to sell it. The big nations fight with each other to capture these markets in which the great capitalists can sell the wealth of which they have robbed the workers.

It was to be questioned, however, whether an economically ruined nation was a good market, and whether cemeteries were filled with purchasers. It was apparent too that the market in these less developed countries was a market created by loans; and that in reality the capitalists were simply selling their swag to themselves, as the only possible purchasers.

In the early twenties this last fact was emphasized and made into the current explanation for war. The theory was that the profits and other "earnings" of the capitalist class went into imperialist expansion, and that the conflict between the great nations for territories to conquer led to war. This was all quite believable in the face of most of the facts.

In the mid-twenties one particular angle of this explanation was made into a new style in explaining war, and even into a major war scare. It was pointed out that many natural resources were not evenly distributed, and that imperialist expansion moves in the direction of those resources that technological change has made most important. The replacement of coal by oil, and Great Britain's consequent need for oil land was pushed to the front. The rubber situation was made into another war scare. The geographic distribution of metals was cited as a similar factor. But the wars that were prophesied on the strength of this theory failed to materialize. The wars that did happen, as in Manchuria and the Chaco, lent aid even to conflicting theories of war. Most ruinous to this particular style of explaining war was the increased internationalization of capital, and the actual settlement of the conflicts over oil and rubber.

**Changing "Explanations"**

It was questioned whether there actually were definite national groups of capital fighting each other. Investment where the biggest profits were promised blurred any such definite demarkation of capitalist groups. In particular it was pointed out that American and British capitalists had profitably sold all the nickel on the bullets and shells that wounded or killed Allied soldiers, and that French and German munitions makers had stopped their governments from shelling each other's munition factories.

This sort of fact was emphasized to the exclusion of all others in developing the latest style or fad in explaining war. If we are to follow this latest fad we are to believe that all war is due to the extraordinary and special wickedness of munitions makers. That they are willing to arrange wholesale murder to promote their business has been fully proved; but even this still leaves us a puzzle:

**The Triumph of Fascism is the Triumph of Death**



Who pays for wars—those who have something, or those who have nothing? Can the capitalist class expect to gain by destroying what they own, then taxing themselves to pay themselves for doing so? Or is a portion of the capitalist class —the munitions makers—putting this over on their fellow capitalists, who are now to be exonerated of all blame for worldwide murderfests?

How did this latest style of blaming the munitions maker become the style? The facts have been available to show what munitions makers do to promote and profit by war for many years. The I. W. W. pointed it out in war-time. It was investigated by the British Parliament and by the French Chamber of Deputies. Charles K. Streit proved it with photos in his book, and his evidence was run in the New Republic 16 years ago. Even the League of Nations gathered and published the necessary evidence to damn the munitions makers. But it is only for a year that the publicity machinery of capitalism has been making this the latest style for explaining war—and the publicity splurge started in Fortune, a magazine that sells at a dollar a copy. Is it possible someone is creating a scapegoat?

**End Capitalism—End War**

When it comes to wholesale murder, is it safe to follow the styles and fads of thought that others set us? To step out of style, perhaps we should ask, not why are wars, but why is there any peace whatever? There are many things persistently making for war. There is the nation itself—in every instance the nation has ceased to be a body of people with the same language or the same culture, and has become merely a body of people with the same government, and thus competent to declare war. The nation itself—all nations are war producing organizations. Each nation has a government that declares wars. Each government has its own special clique of war-makers—their generals and their diplomats—whose income and prestige requires the regular occurence of war. These are steady and persistent factors making for continuous war all the time.

Why is there ever peace? Only because at times these forces are overbalanced by others. Within the ruling class of capitalists, interests are not always the same. Even the special interest of munition makers is a changing force, as the technique of murder changes the materials most used in war. The nation is a body of two warring classes, held together by the government of one class over the other. At times war may have been started to secure the allegiance of the working class to their rulers, and to destroy the allegiance of the workers to their own class. But the greatest single factor blocking war and making the occasional ocurrence of peace possible, is the fear that the working class may revolt against being converted into cannon fodder. It has happened before. It should be our determination that it shall happen the next time.

The factors making for war run throughout the entire texture of class society. To oppose war we must oppose all of capitalism. To have peace, and the security of peace, it is not enough that we ditch the munitions makers, or their politicians, their diplomats, their generals, their kings and their kaisers. We will have peace and the security of peace only when organized labor runs the whole works and has ditched class society forever. The I. W. W. has the practical program for doing it.

## How Shall We Fight War and Fascism?

*By ROGER N. BALDWIN*

Not in all the years since the World War has the threat of another war been more acute. The United States is building the greatest army and navy in its history. It is about to conduct fleet maneuvers in the Pacific off the coast of Japan. While the world still discusses peaceful means of settling international conflict, it arms as never before. Somewhere this world arsenal will explode.

For the moment war is held in check by fears of revolution or of chaos that would follow. Even a government successful in war cannot be sure that the profit system, for which war is waged, would survive it.

War cannot be stopped by international agreements, peace pacts, a League of Nations or a World Court. It can only be stopped by the prospect of a General Strike on the threat of war through international working class action. There is plainly no other power potentially strong enough to stop any government's going to war.

Yet the organized working class is pitifully weak,—divided into sects, weakened by dependence on government agencies, confined to narrow issues of hours and wages. But its advanced sections in all countries where democracy still permits agitation are beginning to show signs of action. Most promising of the movements to unite workers, farmers, and middle-class elements is the League Against War and Fascism, created two years ago at an international conference at Amsterdam. Its program is necessarily aimed not only against war but against the drive toward fascist power spreading rapidly over Europe and threatening any country where the capitalist crisis gets acute. Neither war nor fascism can be fought alone. They are the twin faces of capitalist reaction.

Critics dismiss this new "united front" as just another "Communist maneouvre", designed to promote Communist politics. I have seen it first-hand for the last two years and worked intimately with all the elements involved. It is the most genuine union of forces I have yet seen. If the Communists are so far the most vigorous single force in it, it is equally true that the Communists have made no attempt whatever to dominate the League. If Communists are conspicuous, it is only because non-Communists do not show the same militancy and activity. That can be cured by their coming into it actively.

It is idle to talk of a united front against war and fascism without Communists. And it is idle to create a united front dominated by Communists. But they, like the rest of us, are learning the lessons of the collapse of every left movement in Europe in the face of the Fascist advance. In France and Spain old differences have been merged in a common fight. We too must learn and act here.

Ther is no time to lose. The forces of forces of fascism grow here to offset and control the unrest caused by the failure of New Deal promises. War in the Pacific looms, with the United States playing the role of aggressor. Either we fall victims to these forces in death or concentration camps, or we struggle together to beat them. Reaction gives us no alternative.

## *70,000 Unemployed on Canadian Railroads Fight Unification*

MONTREAL, Canada. (FP)—Organized railroad workers will fight the proposed unification of Canadian railroad systems, according to Pres. R. Y. Menary of the Montreal Railway Employes Non-unification League.

"To effect economies since 1928, more than 70,000 Canadian railroad workers have been displaced," he stated.

Emphasizing that "the workers cannot be absorbed in any other industry and their situation is deplorable," Menard pointed out that "unification would mean that another 60,000 skilled railroad workers would lose their jobs."

### POOR THING!

The following is Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt's yearly budget for herself and one child:

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| Household rent, fuel, light and repairs | $8,520 |
| Telephone | 720 |
| Food | 6,000 |
| 8 Servants | 9,420 |
| Maintaining, insuring automobile | 1,500 |
| Clothing and furs | 2,600 |
| Physician | 1,500 |
| Music lessons | 1,200 |
| Drugs, toilet articles | 550 |
| Books and toys | 550 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,000 |
| Personal allowance | 2,000 |
| Protection of child | 3,600 |
| | $40,160 |

# Organizing Working Class Action Alone Can Stop All Wars

**Disorganization and Bestiality of the Last War Serve as Example of What Labor Can Expect in the Next. Join the I.W.W.**

Einstein says that two percent of the people of any nation can stop war. If that is true, then it behooves the people of America to be prepared in keeping out of the next human slaughterfest.

During all wars Labor is hung! That was true in the great blood-bath of 1914-1918. Labor gained nothing; it lost heavily. Labor did the fighting, and the ones it fought for became enriched beyond all dreams and expectations. In other words, during war Labor places a noose around its neck unless it is properly organized industrially to stop that war.

War breeds hell, hate, prejudice, suspicion, hysteria and insanity. All sense of reasoning is lost by the great majority and they do all but eat one another's flesh. Our primitive ancestors would never think of doing what a so-called modern civilized people would do today. The ancients fought only when compelled to do so for the protection of their existence. There is no need for hand-to-hand battles of people today because we live in a world of plenty which, if distributed properly, would create a paradise. Today there need be no unnecessary killing of human beings.

**Hysteria-itis**

From the experiences of the late world war, we might recite a few incidents that come to mind, on some of the things that war creates. Let us go back to the year 1918 and visit the town of Wichita, Kansas, where a group of union men were incarcerated for the Great Crime of Being Union Men, in one of the filthiest rat and vermin infested county jails then known to exist in the country. Hysteria ran wild.

In this town lived quite a number of German people and those of that descent. During one of those famous Liberty Loan drives, it was exceedingly plain to all that no one might shirk from buying their quota of bonds. One night a great mob gathered on lewer Douglas Avenue. A dummy was taken from a second hand clothing store and a rope placed around its neck. The mob then moved up the main street, howling and yelling like madmen, draging that dummy through the streets with them. A little later the dummy was hung up on a crudely constructed gibbet—a hanging in effigy!

What did this mean to the people of Wichita? It was a polite (?) reminder that if the drive was not successful, just something like that might accidentally occur. It might be said, however, that the loan drive went over all expectations. Of course, when certain people are "playing like this" (?) there must come an end to such play. So, after the mob tired of tramping the main streets, someone thought of the IWW prisoners at the country jail, and away the mob went to that spot. It didn't take long for all the ninety occupants of the place to find out that they were being "serenaded by the leading (?) citizens." Brickbots, stones, and clubs were thrown at the windows, but thanks to the flat lattice bars on the outside, the missles could not penetrate. This celebration had all the earmarks of a lynching bee which the south and west have been so noted for. The mob finally dispersed in the wee hours of the morning.

**"Sporting Events"**

We were to witness enather such "sporting event" on Armistice Night, November 11, 1918, when another serenade took place. When there should have been joy and good will on all sides, we could still hear the snarl of the beast. "Hang 'em," "Clean 'em out," "Exterminate 'em," "Run 'em ragged," cried the mob. Words not fit for print were hurled at the union men.

Later on the sheriff's wife said: "Boys, I have had my heart up in my neck twice in this darned old jailhouse and looked for the worse, but mind you, when my husband's term of office is over, we're done with these places. More power to you all. I'm for you and I hope you will win."

Well, ye lived through it and are here to tell the tale, even to the extent of singing the jailhouse blues(quoted from "The Frameup Trail" or "Five Years Before Steel Bars").

Hysteria created by war is a dangerous state of affairs. During the late world war, men were hung, beaten, tarred and feathered, deported and imprisoned for no other reason than they carried a union card in their pocket. During the late war Congressman Lindberg's fence surrounding his home was painted yellow by his own countrymen because he conscientiously opposed the conscription act, and a decade later when the son won fame as an aviator, the old home and grounds were made into a state park.

There is only one way the workers can stop war and the hysteria resulting there from. Organize industrially to control the situation for yourselves.—C. C. C.

# ONE BIG UNION OF ALL WORKERS

Regardless of Creed, Color, Craft, or Nationality.

## Survey of Experts Shows Price Alone as Privation Cause

**Coolie Living Standard of American Workers Ghastly Joke When Compared with Super-power Age Possibilities of Abundance.**

NEW YORK. (FP) — Reports from all over the country indicate that the people are now definitely debating the issue as to whether the standard of living of America is to soar to the peak which our productive capacity makes possible or sink into the morass of a bare subsistence level.

On the one side there is the proposal before Congress which would give unemployables $360 a year on which to live and those who can work for their sustenance $600 a year. On the other side there is the federal report of the Natl. Survey of Product Capacity, which shows that it is now possible to put every family in America on a basis of $4370 a year.

These standards of living were worked out by government groups. The $360-$600 standard was worked out by politicians who are more concerned with the question of money—how much the millionaire taxpayers will be willing to pay—than they are with what the standards of living might be on the basis of physical productivity.

The $4370 standard was worked out by technicians. They paid no attention to how much John D. Rockefeller is willing to pay out of his swollen profits but measured the fields and the machines and discovered what amount of food, clothing and shelter and other goods and services we all might have if we would simply plow the fields and turn the wheels of the machines.

For the first five years of the depression those who were employed were fairly complacent about the situation because they believed that they were exempt from the effects of the panic and that the others would soon be back with them on the payrolls. Lately it has become more and more clear that exactly the opposite is happening; that is, that more and more are going on to relief rolls every month that passes. A little thought will show that when more than 20,000,000 of our people are put on a standard of living in the $360-$600 bracket, every pay envelope in the country is in danger.

The Survey of Product Capacity pointed out two things: First, that it is possible for every American family to have $4370 in goods and services a year; and, second, that it is necessary that every family should consume that amount in goods and services lest the productive machinery be glutted and stopped. If because of old habits and old ways of thinking, the American people approve of the $360-$600 standard of living for 20,000,000 people, then little by little we must shut down auto factories and add the autoworkers to the $360-$600 standard, because people on that standard can't buy cars. We must shut down the radio factories. We must do away with a few hundred thousand more railroad men. Hungry farmers must leave their fields unplowed. Ragged textile workers must shut down their looms. Bricklayers must drop their trowels and move into tin shacks along the river banks.

Indications from one end of the country to the other, however, are that the American people, who have created the greatest productive machine in the history of the world, are unwilling to shut down that machine and starve in its shadow. Farmers are insisting that the crops they cannot sell be purchased by the government and distributed to the unemployed—and that is being done.

Jobless men who lack clothing, shirts and shoes are going into factories long idle, starting the wheels and making for themselves the clothing, shirts and shoes they need. The idea spreads that every family can have $4370 a year, that there can be plenty for all if we start the wheels, the machines, the plows, apply our skill and strength, and so create the maximum of comfort for all.

This is not Father Coughlin's idea of inflation, with its inevitable aftercollapse; nor is it Huey Long's idea of taxing the 46 people who had a million-dollar income last year so as to share their wealth. It is something far more than that.

It is the simple idea that here we have a great industrial machine, of farms and factories and trains and stores, and that if we use that machine to the capacity we so well know how to create, there need be no starving children, no 20,000,000 on relief, no $600 American standard of living.

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The socialists and political communists in Europe for more than two generations were misleading the workers of Europe into parliamentarism, and they were the main preventers of General Strike. When war and Fascism came, the workers were helpless. Such seeming enemies of capitalism, "working class leaders," are beneficial only to capitalists. Capitalism needs liberals, and such pretended enemies to keep the workers impotent on economic fields where our power really rests.

*LABOR EXPLOITER: "JUST THINK OF ANYONE WANTING TO CHANGE A SWELL WORLD LIKE THIS!"*



## CAN THE EXPLOITING CLASS AFFORD WAR?

**By JOSEPH WAGNER**

Does it pay to have war? The answer to this question will depend largely on what your status in society is. If you are an intelligent worker, your answer well be an emphatic no, for workers can expect out of war nothing but increased miseries, the maiming of their bodies, shocked nerves, mental demoralization—and worse slavery after the slaughter-fest is terminated.

If you are a capitalist, especially if your profits are derived from armament and munition production, or from international banking, then you may expect increased profits from war, and your answer, very likely, will be that war is a glorious thing and that it pays. But, of course these capitalists may get fooled at that, for the next war may have altogether different results than those expected. Nowadays war, like any and all other "business for profit" is no longer the sure-fire business it used to be, on the contrary it is full of hazards, and the masters of today are somewhat nervous about starting it. Even Mussolini admitted recently that the dictator who starts the war, will very likely not be the one to sign the peace treaty, for he is apt to lose his job or his head in the meantime. Some of those belonging to the upper crust of society at the outbreak of the war, may well contemplate the fate of the members of the high aristocracy of tzarism, some of whom consider themselves lucky to have remained alive, even if only as truck-drivers or boot-blacks in some obscure Balkan town.

To be sure, the capitalists of every country are at present feverishly increasing their war machinery; they are making faces at each other and are bluffing and blustering, but in their innermost hearts they are frightened of the idea of war actually breaking out. There is no basis in fact for the universally prevailent notion that war is specifically a capitalist invention and that war came into the world simultaneously with capitalism. In the pre-capitalist feudal age, war was almost a continuous performance. In comparison with the feudal era, under capitalism, we had relatively fewer wars.

True, capitalism is based just as much on plunder and robbery as feudalism was, but the capitalists discovered at the very outset that it was infinitely more profitable to rob and plunder an ever increasing army of wage-slaves than to attack your neighbors and steal a few head of cattle or a patch of farm land from them, as did the feudal "noble lords". To successfully plunder and exploit their own wage-slaves and to market the wealth extorted from them, the capitalists needed peace at home as well as with their near and far neighbors. Peaceful capitalism of merchants and manufacturers as producers of commodities was a huge success; in a short span of two or three centuries it conquered the entire globe; it perfected the machinery of production and created a hube army of wage slaves. But now it reached its end. Commodity production requires markets where buyers and sellers meet to exchange commodity for money. But with the over-development of productive forces in all countries the former buyers have become themselves sellers and in consequence the capitalist profit scheme collapsed; the master class is now unable to feed its own slaves. War cannot mend the situation, it cannot change the proportion between buyers and sellers within the profit system; it cannot increase the number of buyers.

The only ones to really benefit by war are the International arms and munitions concerns and the international financiers. They win no matter which side loses the war unless..... unless the workers get wise in the meantime and win the war for themselves by putting an end to the present crazy system. And the fear of that is the main deterrent to war, the main factor that makes the masters hesitate in plunging the world into war, the fear that they may lose all in a throw, by going to war and is making even them hesitate whether war pays or not.

Our duty is plain enough; we have to keep on pushing our organizing and educational work for all we are worth; we have to popularize among the workers of the land the idea of a General Strike Against War and Fascism. The more of this kind of activity is taking place the less chances there will be of either Fascism or war.

### THE NEW INTERNATIONALISM

A munitions plant reports: "A factor of stability in exports is the trend toward wider stability, with less dependence for sales upon any one country."

In extending the auto code, the president gave the workers a great concession: New models will appear in October instead of January, thus moving the auto shows ahead three months.

Making it easier for the executives to spend their winters in Florida.

### WATCH THE FUN

With the liberals being booted out of the AAA it looks as though the big boys expect an early spring.

At least, they started their housecleaning awfully early in the season.

### UNFIT TO PRINT?

Uncle Sam's drive against the real crooks seems to be getting under way.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has just had his fingerprints taken by the police.

Wonder if the prints turned out to be an oily smear or a bloody smudge.

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A famous scientist has found that the universe is all cockeyed.

And confirms the beliefs of a few millions of us.

### ZERO MINUS ZERO

The League of Nations fears a loss of prestige because of lack of activity in the Italo-Ethiopian affair.

Who said it had any more prestige to lose?

## The Next War

**By Harold Roland Johnson**

They prated loud some years ago
To us about the "final war"—
That after, peace and happiness
Would reign, and war would come no more.

Now councils of world governments
They speculate on wars to be;
They do not keep it secretly
Within their high directory.

**O People, give no sons to war!**
Beware of their sugar-coated pleas!
"More hate, more blood, more misery"
Is really on the tongues of these.

**Beware the beasts in power clothed;**
Prepare to take a final stand.
Unless you heed this message now
There **will be hell** in ev'ry land.

Remember what we've just gone through—
The next will be one worse by far;
Their chemicals will kill whole states,
Through gas and smoke we'll see no star.

**Beware; the governments are mad;**
They'll ruin all the human race.
The young and old alike will die,
Disease will conquer ev'ry place.

Prepare, I pray this **must not be—**
**Take Earth and guide its destiny.**

### MORE FASCIST VICTIMS

ROME, Italy. (FP)—Nine persons have been sentenced to from three to twelve years by the special tribunal for the defense of the Fascist state in Rome, because of anti-Fascist propaganda in the province of Istria.

### PROFESSORIAL SOPHISTRY

Pres. Nicholas 'Miraculous' Butler of Columbia University praises the New York state senate committee for killing the anti-child labor bill.

He says the committee's action "was in the highest public interest and should be warmly approved by all those opposed to child labor."

Isn't that putting it on a little thick, Doctor?

### PROPHETIC WORDS

In order to destroy the existing state, acording to the Marxian theory, it is necessary to first conquer the power of the state. It opposes the present state, but at the same time raves about **state monopoly;** a condition in which workingmen would be **still more oppressed and exploited than under private capitalism.** Bauer. The Social General Strike.—(Written thirty years ago.)

### HAPPY DAYS

Everything is cheery again.

Hercules Powder Co. reports outlook for 1935: "Explosives business improving."

In 1934 Hercules profits were up 41 per cent; volume 10 per cent.

We'll all be blowing up soon.

## FASCISM IN NORTHERN EUROPE MEANS POVERTY, JAILS, GALLOWS, FOR WORKINGCLASS POPULATION

**I. W. W. Sailor Describes Actual Conditions. Uniformed Thugs and Sneaking Stool Pigeons Constantly Active in Interests of Exploiting Class.**

On a recent voyage to the Baltic, on the SS City of Fairbury of the American Scantic Line, our second port of call was Gydnia, Poland. This is the only port in Poland, and was built with money loaned by Wall Street and the French government. From what I observed, Fascism is already firmly entrenched in Poland, judging from activities in Gydnia.

Uniforms are worn by every second man. Army, navy, marines, air corps, Fascist militia, young Fascists and three grades of cops are to be found uniformed.

As I went into a bar-room with another fellow worker, I noticed that we were scrutinized carefully by stool pigeons and a cop. They were observing our Wobbly buttons closely. From then on, we were followed everywhere.

The longshoremen slave fourteen hours a day. For this they receive eight Zlotys, a little over a dollar. Living costs are very high. Coffee, the regular mealtime beverage, is a dollar and a half a pound and up. Clothes are sky high in price and of a very inferior quality. It seems that Poland is already making the working class pay for the next war.

The average proletarian lives in a house not fit for a dog. It is not uncommon to see a worker beat up by the cops for no reasaon at all.

Poland has a standing order with the United States for two million tons of scrap iron. We were there three days discharging several thousand tons of it. It was destined for the Skoda Works in the interior, where it will be made into munitions.

The next port of call was Helsingfors, Finland. On arrival there we inquired for the Finnish Seamen and Firemen Hall, and were told that it was at number five, Fabinstrasse. When we arrived there we found that the government had closed the hall because it was affiliated with the I. W. M. A. On the other hand the political fakerations were allowed to function. Why — because both, the socialists and the comrats are harmless. The Finnish seamen's and firemen's unions were on strike in June, 1933. The only ones to support them in this country were the Wobblies.

Finland, like Poland, is fast preparing for war. However, the obstacles confronting the Finnish ruling class are bigger than those in Poland. Perhaps this is true because the Finns are supposed to be more intelligent than the Poles.

Fascism, in Italy, Germany and Poland, is a Dante's Inferno, spawned by the dying swine of capitalism. The beast of Fascism represents a frantic bourgeoisie desperately striving to hold their loot with murder, arson, concentration camps, the hangman's noose, and all the medieval devices of the Dark Ages.

In Gydnia, Poland, the gallows are erected in an open yard next to the police station, in full view of the public. Ring bolts and everything else are attached to them. This is to remind the workers that any talk against the government, or any talk of unionism, will not be tolerated.

We in America have a big task ahead. We must ORGANIZE to defeat Fascism. We must organize all workers into One Big Union, and then, through the medium of the General Strike, and whatever force is needed, take over the means of production and distribution and usher in a new society.

He who would be free must himself strike the first blow. Forward to the General Strike, and World Revolution!—**Harry Owens.**

## Big Profits vs. Small Wages

**Why the NRA Business "Revival" Has Put the Parasites on the Spot as Regards to Wage Boosts. Let's Make Them Pay!**

**By JAMES DeWITT**

At the beginning of 1934 those who rebuked the New Deal for not bringing about recovery were reminded that President Roosevelt had not had time during his first short year in office to do this. When the organizers of the I. W. W. said that the New Deal would hurt labor, lawyers for the employers said that maximum wages and minimum hours would bankrupt business.

Now in the second year of the New Deal there are more profits showing for the business element than in any year since the depression started. The General Motors Corp. made more than 94 million dollars in 1934 compared with 83 millions in 1933. At the start of the auto code they said that they could not stay in the auto making game. Now they bought 20 pages in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly to boast that they are in business to stay. This move anticipated the extension of the auto code as is by the President. Application was made by Sloans and by Chrysler without including Green of the Federation.

The slogan "They Satisfy" sold 34 and a half billion Chesterfield cigarettes and enabled Ligget and Myers Tobacco Co. to make 20 million dollars in profits. A one dollar extra dividend was paid in addition to the regular dividend of one dollar. When newspapermen asked the President when he was going to sign the cigaret code, he replied that he did not know, as the code had been lost around the White House offices somewhere.

Procter and Gamble with Camy and Ivory soaps made 13 million in 1933, but increased this a million in 1934. Their workers are in a company union at the Cincinnati plant and there was no one to boost the code provisions for wages.

The Caterpillar Tractor Co. lost money after the U. S. S. R. stopped buying from them. After the New Deal and orders from CWA, FERA, PWA, CCC and other alphabets, they made three and a half millions of dollars in 1934. There is no union in their Illinois plant.

The Woolworth stores after quitting 16 stores and raising the wages of their girl employes to the NRA minimum, still made 32 million dollars out of 1957 stores in the U. S. and Canada. This was a four million increase over 1933. Go into the stores and see how they did it.

Profits in 1933 were 18 million, in 1934 35 million dollars. Yet so much stock is outstanding that the deficit in 1934 was 28 millions. In 1932 deficits were 92 millions and in 1933 they were 43 millions. Deficits for all three years did not equal the profits for the one year of 1929. In the prosperous years so much money was saved up that all deficits were paid out of the big surplus, in lean years. Is it any wonder that the Steel Labor Relations Board and its actions are a standing joke among the union steel workers?

The Federal Reserve Bank reports that the 500 leading manufacturing concerns made 679 millions the first six months of 1934 as to 416 millions of dollars in a like period in 1933. For the first nine months of 1934 the profits were 70 per cent greater than in all of 1934. How do these figures stack to factory payrolls that increased but 29 per cent in first nine months of 1934 over 1933? Employment gained but 15 per cent over whole year of 1933. Factory output gained but five per cent. In this we see that production was held down and prices raised. With the slight increase in employment in factories, wages came up just enough to accomodate the spreading of the work. The unemployed got more than formerly when they had no work at all, but those already on the job got a wage cut that was handed to the new jobseekers as a wage.

It has been the old Hoover idea of spread the work and wages and we call it the New Deal. Meanwhile, profits, skyrocket seventy per cent. Increase in employment only applies to the factories, in construction, mining and the basic industries men were laid off. Corporation lawyers will point to this and say that the profit boost was not general and the losses in the other industries offsets the other increases. We are not interested in losses due to debts and out of date equipment. The trend toward greater profits under the New Deal is what counts for us the workers.

In other parts of this paper there is described the efforts of factory workers in Cleveland to raise their wages and better their conditions. It is succeeding and can be made to succeed elsewhere.

One Union. One Class. ★ ★ ★ **ORGANIZE FOR VICTORY** ★ ★ ★ One Struggle. One Goal.

# Big Business Boom of Krupp Interests Foreshadows War

**Tremendous Increase in Munitions Profits Made Possible by Triumph of Hitler —Office Boy of Merchants of Death.**

GENEVA.—The veil of secrecy surrounding the extent of German armaments and the scope of the Third Reich's security policy has just been partially lifted.

Krupp, one of the greatest of all European armament manufacturers, has experienced during the past year that boom with which a kind fate seems to reward the patriotism of ammunition makers everywhere. Figures of the gigantic Ruhr valley concern for the last fiscal year show an increase in production of pig iron from 670,000 tons to 1,190,000 tons. Raw steel production jumped from 840,000 to 1,310,000 tons and rolling mill products increased from 580,000 to 940,000 tons.

The number of Krupp employes during that period rose from 56,000 to 79,000.

Actual profits for the year's business have not been made public. For the Krupp concern, despite its enormous spread and its basic importance for all German heavy industries, is strictly a family affair. Stockholders are restricted to members of the Krupp family. Yet, the family was able to reinvest 6,700,000 marks ($2,680,000) in its various ore mines, steel mills and other enterprises, while the preceding year ended with a net loss of four million marks ($1,600,000).

Such an increase in Germany's production of the raw materials for another war was made possible by a thoroughgoing renovation of all Krupp plants—a process which took 7,000 workers a year and cost about 24 million marks ($9,600,000).

There is a sinister significance in these figures in view of Hitler's loud demands for arms equality. Months ago it was known throughout Europe that the German military budget for the current year had been raised from 268 million dollars to 358, not including a special aviation fund which was tripled, from 28 million to 84.

Baron Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach, nominal head of the family of steel magnates, and Fritz Thyssen, Germany's Carnegie, have been credited for years before Hitler assumed power with having subsidized his Brown Shirts.

The Fuehrer has frequently sought their counsel. Hitler assumed office in January, 1933. During Christmas week, 1932, he paid a visit to Thyssen. Again, a few short days before he embarged on his purge of June last year, when the disgruntled elements among the storm troops were killed for daring to remind him of his pledges to establish his particular brand of Socialism, Hitler had a conference with Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach.

On both occasions he seems to have carried out the orders of the uncrowned rulers of Germany. They now reap the fruits of their foresight which prompted them to lift Nazism into power before the danger of a new workers' upheaval.

The permanence of mutual distrust between their own country and its neighbors constitutes, after all, a boon to their own business—particularly so when their own young man, as supreme ruler of their country, makes all possible efforts to have the world acknowledge the right to arm. —R. A. Slafter.

## *Upton Tangles with Westbrook Pegler, Brass Check Big Shot*

NEW YORK.—Westbrook Pegler, sports writer, turned columnist for Scripps-Howard papers, who got $1,000 a week for touring Colifornia during the campaign last fall and attacking Ppton Sinclair, is very angry because Sinclair exposed him in the book, How I Got Licked.

Pegler wrote Sinclair a letter calling him a liar because of the charge that he had said of the Sinclair group: "I wish I were so situated that I could write what I really think about them."

Sinclair answered with an affidavit by Burt Cain, the man to whom the statement was made, giving the details of the conversation and supporting Sinclair in every way.

Pegler has been used by Scripps-Howard to displace Heywood Broun, national president of the American Newspaper Guild. Schipps-Howard was the most liberal and pro-labor chain of newspapers in America until the death of E. W. Scripps a few years ago.

## AQUEDUCT NOTE

Since the fire at the Cabazon camp, the Metropolitan Water District has taken over the contract of the Wentzel & Henoch on the San Jacinto tunnel. The district claimed that Wentzel & Henoch had caused undue delay in carrying out its contract. They claimed that 30 per cent of the allotted time on the contract had expired and only 17 per cent of the work had been completed.

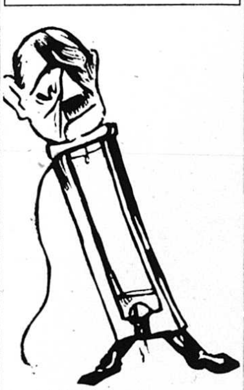
## *War Preparations Shown by Report on Huge DuPont Profits*

WILMINGTON, Del. (FP)—Munitions business is so bad, according to executives of E. I. duPont deNemours and Co., that the company would stop manufacturing munitions altogether, except that "it is the present intent of the company to continue endeavoring to do its part in supplying the needs of the government for military explosives. No further expectation is entertained of any large future profits from this source," its report states.

The company's net income for 1934 was $46,701,465, a gain of about $8,000,000 over 1933.

Military budgets in the United States and abroad have jumped sharply since 1932. DuPont sales for 1934 were 18 percent over 1933 and 47 percent above 1932.

## *Hitler Takes a Holiday*



Adolph loved a lady—
Our lady Guillotine.
They took a walk together
The last time he was seen.

The lady came back all alone
And this is what she said:
"He loved me far too ardently—
Poor Adolph lost his head."

## *Death of 13 Miners Laid at Door of Big Anthracite Barons*

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The blame for the death of thirteen mine workers in an explosion on January 21 has been placed on the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. by the Pennsylvania Department of Mines, which ordered the company's Gilberton mine closed until the safety laws are complied with.

This is said to be the first time in the history of the anthracite mining laws, adopted in 1891, that a major company has been punished for violating safety laws. The Philadelphia and Reading Co. controls about 37 percent of all anthracite reserves, which are estimated as being between 15 and 16 billion tons.

Sec. of Mines Michael J. Hartneady, until recently president of District 7, United Mine Workers of America, declared that "the system of mining as practiced at the time of the accident made it impossible to conduct air to all working places, thus permitting the accumulation of gas." And it was this carlessness, greed for profits that caused 13 miners to lose their lives.

During 1934 there were 256 mine workers killed in anthracite mines, of which 32 lost their lives while working for the Philadelphia and Reading.

## Coke Ovens Homes of 500 Jobless Miners

PITTSBURGH. — At least 500 men are living in abandoned coke ovens in the Connellsville coke region, dominated by the H. C. Frick Coke Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary.

## DIVIDENDS FROM DEATH

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Arms Inquiry Committee has published a report exposing the enormous profits made by the American munitions manufacturers during the world war.

In 1918 the profits of many companies exceeded 100 per cent. A certain copper concern even made a profit of 800 per cent. The United States Steel Corporation earned 585 million dollars in 1917. The incomes of a number of other important war plants in the United States, according to the report, were similarly enormous.

# WAR PROFITS AND WORLD DEVASTATION

**How the Money-mad Master Class Uses the Excuse of War To Slaughter Friend and Enemy Alike in Order To Keep Dividends Pouring Into Their Bloody Coffers. New Horrors Added by Science To Modern Warfare.**

By WALTER DEMPSEY

Well informed experts all over the world inform us that war is a certainty in the near future. As in 1914, it will develop into a World War involving millions of deaths and leaving destruction in its wake.

It should not be necessary to remind readers that anther slaughterfest from every point of view will be a thousandfold more dreadful than the recent international butchery that cost twenty-two million lives and left us in chaos.

The minions of the **"Merchantry of Dissolution"**, (the Brass Check) are slowly proceeding with their insidious propaganda to again make the masses hate each other, and so stir up another wave of patriotism.

The airplane, an experiment in 1914, is now a deadly machine, able to cross oceans and continents and destroy inhabitants of great cities, by dropping modern gas bombs of such efficiency, that one bomb dropped in a great city would kill every human being within a mile of its landing place.

Already in Europe, Mussolini has supplied all Italian citizens with gas masks in their homes, and instructors see to it that they are made proficent in the use of them. In other parts of Europe the same procedure takes place. Poison gas is but one factor. Weapons have been improved, as well as science. They have perfected "aerial torpedos" that fly, guided by radio, without any crew direct to a distination. These are but a few of the deadly contrivances that have been perfected. Man is still the same physically, he is mere cannon fodder for this game of death. Let's look into this hidious nightmare and find out why this should go on.

### The Cause of War

First, what are munitions and weapons? They essentially are instruments of war. And what is war? It is organized force used between two groups, each seeking success. In this age of complex industrial technique, greater command over nature through modern physical science, it takes human beings to wage war. In every age the tools of peace have been potential weapons, the stone axe, the knife, the knowledge of chemistry and metalurgy. Now with modern airplanes, warships, submarines, tanks and etc., human beings are merely pawns in the game of legalized murder, as in the years of 1914-18.

### Motive, "Profit"

Today there is a more dastardly motive in starting another slaughterfest. A world-wide depression is on, and the "Merchantry of Dissolution" are yelping for more blood and "bigger profits".

That war and the preparation for war does pay profits to the select few is no longer denied. The last slaughterfest created thousands of new millionaires and moved some millionaires into the billionaire class. The profits of some war-time corporations read like Aesop's Fables. Assuredly there is plenty of profit in war.

Even with the misery existing today, the World War of yesterday being piogant memories of the needless loss of human beings that were sacrificed on the altar of the "God of Mammon", by these Murder Racketeers. In America alone there is hardly a community without some trace left from the last carnage. Wrecked bodies, loss of limbs, and insanity are realities to be reckoned with in the game of profit.

Sixteen years and three months ago the last slaughter house shut down. The appetites of the "Merchantry of Dissolution" were appeased then, now they are again licking their chops in anticipation of greater and bigger gains. We said, "Never again shall this occur."

Yet here today, is this mad world spending in preparation for another war, more than was ever spent in peace-time before. **What manner of civilization is this anyway?**

Less there be any further doubt wether there is profit in preparing for and waging war, look at a comparison of peace-time and war-time profits, of certain American industries. Compare the four years of annual average in peace with four years of annual average profit in wartime, and see for yourself.

| Industries | Average Peace-time Profits | Average War-Time Profits |
|---|---|---|
| **U. S. Steel** | **$105,347,000** | **$240,000,000** |
| **Bethlehem Steel** | **$ 6,749,000** | **$ 49,648,000** |
| **Dupont DeNemour's** | **$ 6,048,000** | **$ 58,948,000** |
| **General Motors** | **$ 6,996,000** | **$ 23,700,000** |
| **Atlas Powder** | **$ 490,000** | **$ 2,687,000** |

Moody's Analysis of Investments also reveal that the Hercules Powder Co. average war-time profits increased six million annually and Anaconda Copper profited to the extent of twenty-five million annually above peace-time averages. Alfred Dupont, alone collected an income in excess of $26,000,000 in three years during the war.

### Proof

It has been definitely established that French aluminum, exported to Germany through Switzerland, served to kill allied soldiers and made possible Zeppelin raids on Paris and London.

It has long since been proved that there existed in Switzerland during the World War, rolling mills whose chief business was to remove German trade marks from steel in transit from Germany to France.

When the English soldiers attacked the Dardanelles, one of the most difficult enterprises in the 1914-18 slaughterfest, they were fired on by Turks using guns made by an English firm financed by a French bank!

The greatest firm of submarine manufacture here are in partnership with Vicker's Limited, the Great British Munitions Trust. They even have a working agreement with Mitsui of Japan and split the profits.

Having been in France myself during the last murderfest, I saw Portland Cement sacks laying in German pill boxes in Belgium after they retreated. These came through Holland but were labeled U.S.A.

One thing which was very particular was that German bombers never attacked the munition plants, but played hell with hospitals instead. The excuse was that they were trying to blow up the ammunition dump. Nine out of ten times there would either be a battery of howitzers or an ammunition dump next to the hospital. Did they want to save doctor bills? **What price civilization!**

### Further Proof

To further show the tremendous power the "Merchantry of Dissolution" wield, is only to take testimony from the latest whitewash investigating committee. It was brazenly acknowledged that American ambassadors, consular officers, naval officers of high rank and army liasion officers had been instructed to intercede with foreign governments for the sale of products of particular munitions manufacture. They were employed as sales boosters for guns manufactured by Bethlehem Steel, and looking after Dupont's interests. This was done with the highest politicians tacit approval.

Frank Jonas, a munitions agent employed by the Remington Arms, testified at the whitewash hearing. He said, "We certainly are in one hell of a business, when a fellow has to wish for trouble so as to make a living; the only consolation being, however, if we don't get the business someone else will. It would be a terrible state of affairs if my conscience started to bother me now." The whitewash committee did nothing as per schedule. **Is this civilization?**

### Cure and Education

To do away with this "Merchantry of Dissolution" is only the beginning. Profit also has to be done away with. And that is not all. Man since the days of Rome, through the three centuries of war slaying in Germany, further to the Mongol warriors under Timur and Genghis Khan (who built great pyramids out of severed human heads), man has been warring upon his own kind. Man is a more unstable compound than TNT. To change all this takes time and education. Man has never had a working class education, capitalists saw to that, and the "Merchants of Dissolution" took a leading part. **Profit is the God.** By joining the **O. B. U.** of the **I. W. W.** and educating yourself is the right step. The "Merchantry of Dissolution" will fade away as well as the other parasites when you are all **organized** under the slogan of **"An Injury to One, is an Injury to All."**

**Join the O. B. U. of the I. W. W. and stop legalized murder** by these parasitical, profit-mad dogs of industry by means of the Revolutionary General Strike!

## *Court Orders Miners To Rescind Order for Anthracite Strike*

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—For the first time in anthracite history a union has been ordered to rescind its strike call.

The Luzerne county court, on petition of the Glen Alden Coal Co., has ordered the officiers and members of the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania to "restore the status quo" as existed before the strike, and "take due and proper action to abrogate and rescind the action of February 2, 1935, declaring a strike at the collieries of the Glen Alden Coal Co."

Faced with citation of contempt of court, the Glen Alden general grievance committee and U.A.M.P. officers met and decided to ignore the court order for the time being.

The strike has already caused the discharge of 4,000 Glen Alden miners, whose places are being filled by unemployed miners. These first sign up with the United Mine Workers of America, and are promised that their positions are permanent, and that the striking miners will not be taken back.

## COLORADO KILLS FULL CREW RAIL BILL

DENVER, Col. (FP)—The lower house of the Colorado legislature has killed the full crew bill.

The bill would have added one brakeman to each train of more than 50 cars. The train length would have been limited to 70 cars.

Fought for by organized railroad workers as a measure of safety and of increasing employment, it was violently attacked by the railroads.

## 10,000 CHICAGO WASH DRESS WORKERS STRIKE

CHICAGO. (FP)—A strike has tied up Chicago's wash dress industry.

The strike was called against 30 manufacturers who, after forming a new organization, refused to grant union recognition and wage changes. About 10,000 workers are employed by the struck firms.

The workers seek an increase over the $13-a-week minimum wage to $16, a 15 percent increase for cutters and a more equal distribution of work.

## HONESTY AAA POLICY?

When George Washington cut down that cherry tree, he was merely anticipating the AAA's crop reduction program.

Were he alive now, he'd get a certificate of merit from the government and a check.

## *IWW Speakers Carry Spirit of Solidarity To Canadian Workers*

VANCOUVER, B. C.—At all meetings held here we have had capacity audiences. Workers have shown their attentive attitude that they were deeply interested in the subjects "Big Jim" has discoursed on. With great clarity Fellow Worker J. P. Thompson has shown the ever-growing necessity for Industrial Unionism as the one and only way out of the dilemma workers are at present faced with.

Fellow Worker Thompson will be here for one more week before returning to Seattle. The work of spreading the propaganda of the I. W. W. that "Big Jim" and Fellow Worker Boose have done here will prove of inestimable value to the I. W. W.

We believe that were we in position to route more speakers of the type of Fellow Workers Thompson and Boose throughout the country from coast to coast, having large meetings arranged at the large industrial centers throughout Canada, this would result in counteracting the insidious propaganda of the "Comrades" that we, the workers, must capture the State through the ballot. Revolutionary workers are not interested in the capture of the State either by ballots or bullets, but rather, in economic direct action on the industrial field to take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and to abolish the wage system.

## OSCAR CARLSON KILLED

On the evening of Monday, Feb. 11, the Bunk house, cook shack and commissary of the Anderson Boarding and Supply Co., Boarding Contractor for the Wentzel & Henoch tunnel contractors Cabazon camp on the Colorado River Aqueduct, burned to the ground. Four tunnel workers lost their lives in the fire. One of those identified was Oscar Carlson, a member of I. U. No. 310. His untimely death will be mourned by his many friends and fellow workers.

**LINE UP!**

# NO MORE WAR!




**Armies and navies twice as large as in 1914. Ten million more men under arms. Out of every tax dollar, 80 cents spent for wars, past, present and future.**

**What did we get from the last war?**

**12,996,571 men were murdered.**
**16,257,000 were wounded.**
**5,669,000 were crippled for life.**
**$84,510,000,000 worth of property was destroyed, and the total cost was $186,233,637,097.**

**And today we are still paying for it!**

**It has been figured that the cost of the world war would have paid for:**

**$4000 worth of property for every family in the United States, Great Britain, Canada, France, Russia, Germany and Belgium; plus**

**A $10,000,000 university, a $5,000,000 library and a $5,000,000 hospital in every city of more than 200,000 population in these countries; plus**

**A trust fund paying $1000 a year to 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses for life; plus**

**A surplus equal to the total value of all public and private property in France and Belgium.**

**Instead of that, we have millions unemployed!**

**The I. W. W. fights against war by fighting against the capitalist system.**

**In a speech on September 5, 1919, Woodrow Wilson said: "Is there any man here, or any woman—let me say any child —who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry? This was a commercial and industrial war; it was not a political war!"**

**So long as private owners are permitted to pay workers less than the value of the things they produce, there will be a surplus that has to be exported. So long as this surplus exists, there will be "industrial and commercial rivalry."**

# INDUSTRIAL VS. POLITICAL ACTION

**The educational merit of political activity consists solely in proving to the workers its utter inefficacy to curb the power of the ruling class, and therefore forcing the workers to rely on the organization of their class in the industries.—Vincent St. John.**

## Hectic Militarism Characterizes New Deal Officialdom

**Johnson and Baruch Sabotage Arms Investigation Probe. War Appropriation Greater Than Any Since World Slaughter.**

One of the most alarming features of the Roosevelt administration has been its emphasis upon militarism. The biggest arms appropriation bills since immediately after the World War are on their way through Congress.

It is less than a year since Roosevelt signed the Vinson bill, authorizing the construction of 102 ships and 1184 naval airplanes, and helping to precipitate a naval armament race. These will cost between $750,000,000 and $1,000,000,000.

Even funds appropriated for public works have been used for military purposes. In the first nine months of Roosevelt's term, about $370,000,000 of public works funds were granted to the army and navy.

The argument that such expenditures are desirable because they create employment is shortsighted, for the same employment would be provided were the money spent for any other purpose. If the improvements made were socially desirable, the result would be the enrichment of our nation, rather than the destruction of life and property.

In preparing the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, the House appropriations committee has approved an expenditure of $318,131,482 by the War Department, plus $7,686,753 for airplanes—a total almost $50,000,000 more than the 1935 appropriations. Over $470,000,000 more will be provided for the navy, it is expected, if the House committee goes on to okay Roosevelt's proposed budget.

By contrast, the Children's Bureau is spending only $337,000 in 1935, or $7000 less than in the previous year, and the Office of Education is given $8,600,000, or $2,800,000 less than in 1934. The annual expenditure of the federal government for conservation of health and sanitation is only about $18,600,000, a tiny fraction of what it spends for agencies of destruction.

Further, the $98,400,000 that Roosevelt proposes to have the federal government spend in the next fiscal year for social security shrinks to minute proportions. This money, it should be remembered, is meant to cover expenditures for old age pensions, unemployment insurance, mothers' assistance, maternal and child health aid, crippled children, child welfare, and public health.

The administration does not even favor the nationalization of the munitions industry, though such a move would save large sums of money, remove an irritating factor from international relations, and help to make war a bit less likely.

The War Department encourages the sale of munitions to other countries, even those that are potential enemies. This brings profitable business to munitions manufacturers, and makes it possible for them to keep large plants in operation. This makes it almost certain that, if the United States does become involved in war, American boys will be killed with weapons manufactured and sold, at a handsome profit, by American companies.

Elaborate plans for the conduct of war drawn up by the War Department provide for the suspension of Section 7a of the NIRA in the event of hostilities. When Senator Clark of the Senate munitions committee asked Col. Harris of the War Department about this proposed dropping of labor's right to bargain collectively, Harris replied: "You can't have two bosses in time of war."

It is no accident that 21 army officers are now serving as members of NRA code authorities, 19 basic industries being covered in this manner.

Roosevelt, incidentally, did his best to sabotage the arms investigation by suddenly appointing a committee under Barney Baruch, Wall Street speculator, and Gen. Johnson to draft legislation on the subject of munitions. This surprise move was denounced by Sen. Nye, head of the Senate investigating committee, as an effort to block the inquiry. The work of Nye's committee should provide further startling revelations.

The U. S. Supreme Court made the record complete by unanimously deciding, in the University of California case in December, that land grant colleges could make military training compulsory and deny admission to youths who refused to comply. Seldom has the court better exhibited its reactionary nature. More than 100,000 students are now enrolled in the R. O. T. C., the college drill organization. The government is overlooking no details in its preparations for the next wholesale slaughter.

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Before great (legal) thieves, hats are taken off and small thieves are put in jails. Some civilization!

# The Bloody Loot of War

***How the Parasite Class Plunders the Earth for Gains. Workers Play the Suckers' Role and Eventually Get it in the Neck. A Determined Working Class Through the Use of the General Strike Can Stop Any War.***

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — The world's largest pipe line system, costing $50,000,000 has recently been finished and was opened Sunday, January 13, according to a news item in "The Syrian American News".

This pipe line will carry oil from the rich Mesopotamia oil fields across the wilderness of Iraq and Syrian deserts, under the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, across the Holy Lands to the Mediterranian sea. The line stretches 1150 miles across Asia Minor and provides a 24-hour outlet to the Mediterranian sea.

**The rich oil deposits from whence the oil will come through the pipe line, were owned by Germany prior to the World War, but are now owned or controlled by British, Dutch, French and American oil companies.**

**No one from the common herd seems to know nor to have remembered any transaction by which these four big oil companies (from allied nations) bought these rich oil deposits from Germany nor by what method they came into their possession.**

**The American soldiers with other allied soldiers may be given the credit of having won the war from Germany but private industrialists seem to have won all the fruits of the war. They got the gravy.**

**The I. W. W. consistently pointed out before and during the war, that the World War like all other wars was being fought for the protection of private invested interests and for the enrichment of the few.**

According to the detailed annual report of the Treasury, the cost of the World War to the United States was officially set at 50 thousand million dollars. This does not include something like 12 thousand million dollars in war debts owed the United States by foreign nations, nor does it include the thousands of millions spent since the war in the form of bonuses, pensions, hospitalization and treatment of maimed, crippled and sick ex-service men. It does not include (which cannot be counted in dollars) the misery, suffering and poverty of those dependents whose sole support died and rotted on the battlefield. It does not include the deterioration of the health of the populace as a whole, because after the war a great portion of that populace were diseased, halfmen and unfit to raise healthy offspring.

During the war, individual industrialists in key industries became millionaires, millionaires became multi-millionaires, big corporations became giant monopolies, but the working class who furnished the human energy and other sinews of war, who furnished the men to be gassed, maimed and killed on the field of carnage, have nothing to show for winning the war. Capitalists of the allied nations won the war, because they received all the fruits of the war.

The workers (soldiers) were only a part of the equipment used, just the same as guns, tanks, airoplanes, gas, food, etc. The only difference between the workers and these other implements of warfare is that the workers have brains, intelligence and power to keep from fighting these useless wars, if they would use that intelligence and power.

A determined working class, through the use of the General Strike can stop any war.

If workers resolve to stop the machinery of production and distribution, they can tie up munition plants, arsenals, food sources, transportation and all other industries that manufacture or distribute directly or indirectly, war material.

Members of the I. W. W., Syndicalists and Anarchists in Argentine, S. A., through strikes and threats of strikes, kept that country from entering as an active participant in the World War.

The Capitalist Class have no power by themselves. Their only power is derived from docile, willing wage slaves, whom they can use to produce profits and fight their wars at so much per and empty promises.

During strikes and other labor disputes, as in war, the master class wins out, just in-so-far as they can use a portion of the working class to fight against the other workers.

It is imperative that the working class organize and use their intelligence and power to benefit themselves, to stop wars for the enrichment of the few and to halt any attempt to bring Fascism of any form into the United States. Prepare for a General Strike for Labor's Welfare!—413208.

## HOW LONG CAN HITLER HANG ON?

Unemployment in Germany has increased greatly in the last few months. The number of unemployed have increased 81,000 in November alone, and the unemployed army has grown from week to week since then. It is estimated that Germany today has at least 5,6000,000 unemployed, consequently there will be a very hard winter for the Nazi regime as the unemployed will, no doubt, demand more than promises. Taking into consideration the financial bankruptcy of the Nazi state, it will not be an easy thing for Hitler to get the means to starve off the suffering among the unemployed which is necessary to prevent them from revolting. — (Translated from "Arbetare Kuriren".—311965.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASPIRING JOURNALISTS

Remember, in writing for the newspaper owned by big business, that:

Every dinky shopkeeper is "a well-known merchant".

Every truthful person is "a wild radical".

Every wealthy miser is "interested in charity".

Every corporation is "grateful to its faithful employees".

Every rich old slant-head is "a lover of art".

Every aggressive labor leader is "a dangerous red".

Every timid or crooked labor leader is "a loyal American".

Everything that the police are too stupid to figure out is "a baffling mystery".

Every assemblage of five persons opposed to exploitation is "an unruly mob".

Fifty thus assembled is "a revolt".

All rich persons are "beautiful, witty and refined".

All poor folks are "gawky, illiterate and boorish".

A working girl in trouble is "mixed in an unsavory scandal".

A society dame in the same fix is "involved in a romantic escapade".

A defaulting bank president is "a victim of temptation".

A common burglar is "a criminal from birth".

Scabs are "faithful employees".

Strike-breakers are "new employees".

A company union is "employees' representation".

A cut in wages is "a wage adjustment".

—"Mesa Voice", in Labor Power.




## *Arkansas Die Hards Raid Labor College To Stop "Agitators"*

NEW YORK. — An investigation of "the lawlessness of officials and landlords against sharecroppers" rather than into Commonwealth College has been urged upon the president of the Arkansas state senate and the speaker of the house by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Members of the legislative committee appointed to investigate Commonwealth, at Mena, Ark., were advised by Lucien Koch, youthful director of the school, "to bring along overalls and work clothes and help with the chores". Following its investigation of the classes, the museum of social change and the library, the committee left with the statement that "that fellow Koch is plenty smart". The investigator indicated that they would ask higher officials to undertake a more thorough investigation.

Raymond Koch, teacher at Commonwealth, Horace Bryan, and two others, have been arrested because of their activities in the relief workers' strike in Sebastian county. Practically every relief project is closed, with between 1200 and 1500 striking. The strike started after a statewide reduction of relief wages. Strikers are demanding 40 cents an hour for relief work and 30 hours' work a week a man.

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The capitalists had everything their own way, as regards to the management of production and distribution, but the depression came in 1929 in spite of it. Why blame everything on the radicals? They didn't have anything to do with it.

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Anything that would benefit workingmen, is called by the Brass Check press "un-American." Anything that benefits capitalists and is detrimental to workers is called "one hundred percent Americanism."

## PORTRAIT OF SOME PAY-TRIOTS

The capitalists like to masquerade as super-patriots, but it is a fact, that American investors have put up 2,500 factories all over the world, outside of U. S., while over 14,000,000 unemployed walk up and down the streets in this country. A considerable amount of the commodities produced in those factories, they bring back to sell in this country. In order to evade payment of the tariff, they ship the goods over here in parts, in boxes, for assembling. And then they have the nerve to call themselves "patriots!"

Even the small American flags, which the hundred percenters buy on 4th of July, and at other national celebrations are manufactured in Japan. Prevent these pay-triots robbing their fellow men, and immediately they become the worst enemies of their country. We have seen that the nobility and bourgeoisie of Russia, when their property was expropriated by the state, were uniting with the Chinaman, Japs and would unite even with the devil against their beloved country. That made no difference to them, so long as they thought they could get their former property back.

The capitalist and bourgeoisie of all countries are the same. They cease to be patriotic the minute their profits are stopped and they are required to do some useful work. Fellow Workers, do not be misled by their false teachings, fight on the economic field, the only field where you can gain everything by organizing into One Big Union of the I. W. W.—A Wobbly.

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The political windjammers, known as commies, split anything that possibly can be split. Even their own party they have split into five fractions since its foundation. Now they devote most of their time to "red elections," revolutionary parlamentarism, and other hair splitting.

## "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet!"




## *Craft Union Bosses Connive 'Settlement' At Wire-Spring Plant*

CLEVELAND.—The I. W. W. cannot be responsible for any settlement that may be made of the Cleveland Wire Spring strike. Contrary to the advice of the I. W. W., who assured these strikers that a clean cut victory could be obstained, the strikers, by a vote of 40 to 27, decided on Thursday, Feb. 21, to accept the offer of the A. F. of L. to take charge of the strike and seek a settlement. This vote was obtained by promising the inactive strikers, who had refused picket and other strike duty, that the A. F. of L. would call out the A. F. of L. truckers who have been persistently scabbing throughout the strike. To date these truckers have not been called out, and no definite promise has been given that they would be. The reliance of Mr. McVeeney of the Metal Trades Council on his personal friendship with Mr. Campbell, President of the Cleveland Wire Spring Co., and on Mr. Campbell's honorary membership in the A. F. of L. has been somewhat shaken by Campbell's reply to McVeeney's proposal to settle the strike: "We don't know of any strike".

This is not much of a puzzle, because the 27 staunch I. W. W.'s were the backbone of the strike and did all picketing, with the result that after the vote was taken, no picket line could be secured despite the advice of the I. W. W. to stick and win this strike regardless of the folly of their action. It was these 40 apostates who pushed hardest to call the strike long before the busy season started, against the advice of their organizers, and who thereafter seldom if ever showed up for picket duty.

In recognition of the hard fight put up by the militant section of these strikers, the defense of those arrested or charged up to this time will be taken care of by the General defense Committee.—Organization Committee.

## Duluth Teachers Fight Pay Cut

DULUTH, Minn. (FP)—Over 500 teachers in Duluth public schools have refused to sign contracts for the present fiscal year to protest a 24 percent pay slash. The deadline for their return expired February 15 with but 215 of some 750 teachers having signed contracts.

The school directors are threatening the teachers with loss of pension rights if they do not fall in line.

### TOO BAD!

Somewhere in Peter's Creek Gas Company at Finleyville, Pennsylvania, a couple of suspected thieves were trapped by closing down the mine entrance.—News Item.

Pity they didn't get the bosses while they were at it.

## CHICAGO— the City Beautiful

By JACK PHELAN.

**Behold! She sits upon a pile of offal,**
**Polluting the fresh water at her feet,**
**While round her head the four winds that meet**
**Grow noisome from her breath, yea awful.**
**Look! Her marts are swelling with the golden grain**
**That flows to her from many a fertile plain,**
**Yet famine gnaws her vitals night and day**
**And Lo! her fairest must take harlots' pay.**
**Listen the cry of children, swine and cattle**
**Comingles into one vast rattle,**
**While hardes of men she calmly sweeps**
**Into the composts of her value heaps.**
**Hark! the din of machine and whir of wheel,**
**See death stalking each worker's heel,**
**And the only choice for him who fails,**
**Is mad-house, work-house, poor-house, jails.**
**Hurrah! She well rewards her chosen few**
**Purple lady and slum-house shrew,**
**Thugs, journalist, judge and sport**
**Actor and statesman of ill report.**
**And at the head of her chosen list**
**The wanton, hideous capitalist**
**Not Sodom, Gomorrah, nor Jezebel**
**Will speak her name, so call her Hell.**

## Wm. Green, Big Shot Union Businesman, Speaks in Detroit

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 23.—The old Light Guard Armory is packed this Saturday night with workers—grizzled AFL officials, young fellows from the plants full of the false hopes of business unionism. They have come to hear the President of the American Federation of Labor deliver his special message to the automobile workers.

On the platform is William Green, the speaker of the evening, rotund, red-faced, well-fed. He has quoted at length from the Henderson-Lubin report, that NRA document he holds in his hand which tells in cold facts and figures of the exploitation and degradation of the auto workers.

"You cannot depend upon a disinterested party", sums up President Green. "In fact, I would not advise you even to rely upon your government." (Applause).

"He who would be free must strike the blow himself." (More applause).

"We are not talking strike", President Green assures us. "We think in terms of peace. Our organization only wants a square deal for the auto workers through collective bargaining."

"I have been authorized by the National Council of the United Automobile Workers of America to immediately proceed to negotiate a conference with executives of the automobile industry."

"The purpose of this conference will be to negotiate a mutually satisfactory agreement relating to wages, hours and conditions of employment."

President Green goes on to speak of the general strike threat of the workers in the automobile industry last March. He personally repudiate the President's Automobile Labor Board, headed by Professor Leo Wolman, which was to bring about enforcement of seniority and collective bargaining immediately following the Federation's truce with the Roosevelt administration and the automobile manufacturers. He denounces company unions, the ALB, and the plant elections that they are conducting.

"The membership of the A. F. of L. did not vote its affiliation in those elections," Green declares. "They were advised they were not bona fide and no good purpose could be served by such elections. They were held in plants during working hours under supervision of the bosses."

President Green ends his oration by advocating replacement of the Automobile Labor Board and its proportional rule by Francis Biddle's National Labor Relations Board or some similar board with majority rule.

The workers who have come to hear the leader of America's oldest and most affluent labor organization listen attentively. They puff meditatively on cigarettes and cigars. A few spit in disgust.—L. B.

## WEEKLY PRIZE AWARD

The weekly prize of one dollar for the best article of the week in the Young People's Section of the Industrialisti, Finnish I.W.W. daily, has been awarded to L. J. P., 20 years old, for his article "The Youth of Today" in the issue of February 12th.

This contest is open to all writers under 21 years of age, but articles or other contributions will be accepted from anyone, preferable contributions of interest to the youth or touching upon the youth movement. Send all contributions to the address below and if participating in the contest mention date of birth or age. Young People's Section, Box 99, Duluth, Minn.

## THE TRUTH BY MISTAKE?

NEW YORK. — "Business recognizes more clearly than at any previous time in our history . . . the patriotic need of unsound financing and unfair practices of all kinds."

This sentence is part of President Roosevelt's message to Congress on the NRA, according to The New York Times. Whether the president slipped into impolitic frankness, or the story was handled by an honest reporter or a joking printer, was not clear.

# ECONOMIC EVIL—ECONOMIC CURE ★

Universal economic evils afflicting the working class can be eradicated only by a universal working class movement. — Industrial Union Manifesto.

## Union Auto Parts Shops Alone Could Stop Auto Industry

**Workers in Specialty Plants in Key Position to Stop All Production Within 48 Hours if Another Auto Strike Materializes. Bosses On the Spot.**

DETROIT, Mich. (FP)—Behind all the talk of the lack of adequate organization of the automobile workers, one fact has rarely been mentioned. It is not a pleasant fact for either the manufacturers or the probe Automobile Labor Board.

This fact—the organized automobile workers can stop all production in the industry within 48 hours!

Specialization of production has proceeded to such an extent that when 48 wet sanders walk out of the Buick plant in Lansing, in 12 hours 5,000 men must lay down their tools. And, much to the discomfort of the manufacturers, organized labor's strength today lies in precisely these specialty plants.

Because many of these plants are small and outside of the direct control of the smooth personnel management of the gigantic motor factories, conditions there are far worse and workers relatively easier to organize. There are eight plants today, all well-organized, which if struck can ridicule the pages of statistics compiled by the Automobile Labor Board.

There is the Motor Products plant in Detroit. When this plant is struck, Chrysler, Hudson and some General Motors plants are through.

There is the Auto-Lite plant in Toledo, scene of the bloody strike during the early summer of 1934. It serves the entire industry.

There is the Midland Steel in Detroit and Cleveland, manufacturing steel frames for doors, etc.

There is the Kelsey-Hayes in Detroit. Kelsey makes wheels and parts.

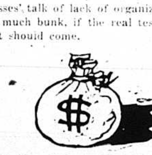
There is Motor Metals in Detroit, making parts for body companies serving Ford and other independents.

There is Spicer Mfg. in Toledo, making parts for the industry.

There is Bendix in South Bend, making springs for two-thirds of the industry.

And finally, Radiodyne in Racine, Wis., a "hot spot," making radiators for the industry.

With that situation clear, it is easier to understand why the spy systems and welfare checkup groups in Ford and General Motors plants do not guarantee production in those plants; and why the bosses' talk of lack of organization is just so much bunk, if the real test of a walkout should come.




JOBS ARE DWINDLING, HIGH SCHOOL GRADS FIND—headline.

They didn't have to go to school to find that out!

## *Phoney Anglo-French Pact is Alliance For War Instead of Peace*

The recent Anglo-French agreement to grant Germany arms equally, get her back into the League of Nations and come to each other's aid in case of an air attack is a sugar-coated military alliance hardly calculated to deceive Germany.

It has long been common knowledge in Europe that Germany is rearming. This is a direct violation of the Versailles treaty so dear to the victors of the last war; but although as members of the League they had many ways of calling Germany to account, it apparently was not considered expedient politically. German rearmament, therefore, which began quietly and now goes on with very little pretense, has reached so high a level that France and England are scared into action. They are prepared formally to grant Germany equality of arms in the hope that she will stop at that.

Germany may or may not enter the agreement after lengthy conversations and conferences. It has importance only for the sake of appearance since the fact of her existing rearmament is indisputable. In reality she has little to gain and it is not surprising to find the German press cool toward the agreement. It must be remembered that in the present political state of Germany, press comment may fairly be considered the reflection of governmental reaction.

"In case of unprovoked aerial attack," the agreement reads, "all the signatories of the agreement (which may also include Italy and Belgium) are to rush their planes to the assistance of their attacked comrade country. A declaration of war by any other name would smell as sweet. The real significance of this agreement is that it shows France and England have cast aside their hope in the league as a force for peaceful settlement of international disturbances. It is however a happy occasion for the historians who will be able to split hairs for generations to come as to what constitutes an "unprovoked" attack.

## Just Another Election Promise Joke

DETROIT. (FP)—This is a before and after election story.

Before election, Duncan C. McCrea, Democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney, promised solemnly that "I will at no time permit my office to be used as a medium for breaking strikes and will do all in my power to prevent the arrest and conviction of any union member while engaged in his constitutional right of peaceful picketing."

After election, Prosecutor McCrea issued orders to the police department that "picketing is illegal and constitutes a common law conspiracy to boycott."

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If there would not be rebels in the past, we would be chattel slaves yet today. Even for the few human rights we have, we should be thankful to them. They had to suffer for it. The credulous "respectable" herd in the past, just like at present lived like worms, multiplied and died without daring to rebel against oppression.

## BLOOD AND WINE

Behold! The helots of the land
Are cowed beneath thy iron fist;
They are too dumb to understand—
Too tame and spineless to resist.

Victorious one! Against thy gains
These chattels cannot, dare not rise;
Stifle the thought within their brains
And rule . . . with bayonets and lies.

So may thy sons, with greed uncurbed,
Their children's children rule again;
Aye, rule with iron, undisturbed,
The all-prolific sons of men.

What matters that ten million died
To give thy lust a dwelling place?
Does not thy Terror set aside
The ancient freedom of the race?

What matters that the peasant's plow
Bites at a soil baptised with red?
Are not thy bloody dollars now
More myriad than the myriad dead?

That in charred cities, wan with pain,
War-desolated mothers live,
While lips of babies tug in vain
At breasts that have no milk to give?

Or that beneath thy battered walls,
Cursed with the eloquence of hell,
Black Want to red Rebellion calls, . . ?
Heed not, I tell thee all is well!

Heed not! Have vine-clad maidens sing
And serve thee scented wine and gore;
Laugh! Glut thyself to vomiting,
And hiccough, screaming still for more.

What of the Men against the gate,
Black-massed and sullen, gaunt and lean . . .
Like thee they crave one thing to hate.
Be glad . . . and whet thy guillotine!—R. C.

## The Black Sunrise



# Fascism and War

**Both Profitable for the Paarsite Class and Both Poison as far as the Producing Class is Concerned**

By ROBERT T. KERLIN

Fascism is a war product, conceived in the chaos resulting from the late World War and created by its shell-shocked victims. It is an aspect of militarism, and the desperate last phase of war-making capitalism. It is militarism in civil life, industry and the totalitarian state. Italy, Germany, Austria are today under absolute military rule, a dozen other countries are under modified dictatorships of a fascistic-militaristic nature, and the rest of the world is threatened.

Mussolini, the father of Fascism, was a Socialist until the war made him a crack-brained saber-rattler, who has kept Europe in a state of terror since, with the backing of the bosses of industry, he seized power. Hitler also was made the madman he is by the war. His mental diseases—obsessions, perversions, fanaticisms, culminating in a monstrous egomania—are, like Mussolini's war-begotten. Every speech of both men rumbles with the artillery of war.

The fact of their obsession with war is attested week after week by the daily press. They glorify war as a thing good in itself, as a thing indispensable to the greatness and progress of mankind, and is in no sense an evil. The latest utterance of the Molochian Mussolini—the printer's ink is hardly dry on the words—declares thus: "War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it." To leave no doubt in the reader's mind that this is the philosophy of Fascism he declares further: "Above all, Fascism, the more it considers and observes the future development of humanity, quite apart from political considerations of the moment, believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace."

That, in few and explicit words, is the militarism of Fascism,—that is, of Capitalism in its final phase. And here we may pause to give the Fascist dictators credit for honesty. Unlike our militarists they do not quibble and contradict themselves, professing to be pacifists—or at least lovers of peace—while advocating monstrous preparations for war.

It is no figure of speech to say that Italy is openly an armed camp and Germany is becoming such. Wherever Fascism comes to prevail, through violence—its method—it rules by violence, by murder, by terrorization, by armed forces of the dictator. Every worker is under military orders, subject to army discipline. So, too, every teacher, every writer and artist, every priest and preacher, every civil officer and law-maker. All serve as if in the army. Under Fascism the military organizations is always complete and ready.

In spite of this presentation of the war-madness of Fascism, when we make a comparison of fascist countries with capitalistic countries not yet gone fascist the difference is only one of degree and not essential important. Mussolini trains children of eight years for war. Doubtless to make husky bayonet-thrusters of them he will see that they are well fed. He will not allow every third child to go hungry and be stunted while he destroys food-stuffs—milk, pork, corn, vegetables, fruits—to raise prices. Fascism is but an advanced stage of Capitalism: both are Molochian.

Capitalism made the World War and the World War brought forth Fascism—to save the capitalist system. And Fascism is doing its duty. The World War gave us who entered it to make the world safe for democracy 22,000 additional millionaires. The new generation of militarists spawned by the war discerned that the world must now be made safe for millionarism. Hence, Fascism — which is millionairism's answer to the threat of Socialism, which is democracy in the entire life.

Capitalism is inherently militaristic. It not only makes wars, it is war. Fascism is the avowal of the true character of Capitalism. Capitalism, to save itself, had to pass into this phase, and convert civil society into an army, the state into a war machine.

## A Letter from Prison

San Quentin, Calif.,
February 18, 1935.

Industrial Workers of the World
General Defense Committee
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Workers:

We have delayed receipting of the $25.00 contained in your Christmas greetings which the workers have sacrificed so that we inside may enjoy the fruits of imprisonment because we have not been able to assemble the necessary energy required. And in this short way we extend our many thanks to those outside "who never forget."

We also desire to thank the delegates and workers they represented in the Twenty-First General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World for the greeting and solidarity they showed in the struggle of "education, organization and emancipation" of working men and working women together with their remembrance of the workers now within prison who made the fight on the agricultural and industrial fields—for we know we have not been forgotten.

We see the day approaching very fast when all the working men and working women will join hands together; when those contradictions that now separate them will no longer stand between them as their enemy; when they will embrace the one thought, one idea and one purpose and as a mass and not as individuals groping in the darkness, free themselves from the yoke that forever will keep them in bondage.

With greetings of solidarity and emancipation for all who work and toil,

John J. Cornelison.

### GALVESTON NEEDS A CAR

To all members or sympathizers: The Marine Transport Workers I. U. No. 510 of the I. W. W., is having a hard struggle here in the Gulf ports. Great progress is being made but at great sacrifice by the active membership. We are fighting against strong reaction. The port towns here are spread out, and for this reason we are finding it difficult to visit all the ships and to contact the workers on the job with the organization. We need a car, and are hereby appealing to any worker or sympathizer to contribute one, or to sell us one on a small installment basis, since finances are extremely low.

# OFFICIAL NOTICES

### NOTICE CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP

A special general membership meeting will be held at 1604 N. California Ave., Wednesday, March 6. The purpose of this meeting will be to launch and adopt a constitution for the Industrial Workers Unemployed Union of Chicago. This meeting is important. Be there.—**Special Committee on Unemployment.**

### I. U. No. 440 NOTICE Ballot Committee Report

Chas Velsek is elected on the G. E. B. Fred Lundberg, Val Kossowsky and John Anderson are elected to serve on the G. O. C. of I. U. No. 440.—**Ballot Comm.**

### G. R. U. NOTICE Ballot Committee Report

Albert Hanson is elected G. E. B. member; F. W. Thompson is elected G. E. B. Alternate.

John Neufeld, Mike Kacziban and Bessie Freiberg are elected on the G. O. C. of the G. R. U.—**Ballot Comm.**

### A BIG EVENT

A general workable idea of a General Strike can be had by those living in and around Chicago by seeing the play "Today and Tomorrow", the notice for which will be found under Coming Events. The play depicts how conditions force a worker to take action in a General Strike, how it affects the upper crusts, who are left helpless in the wake of the strike and the frantic but futile efforts of the capitalist mouthpieces to combat it but only to admit defeat after the paralyzing effect of the General Strike renders useless to them the forces of production, communication and transportation, which they own but are unable to operate.—**x225158.**

The Pennsylvania railroad gives bargain travel rates to household pets, the price having been cut in half for you if you want to take Towser to New York for a change of lamp-posts.





# COMING EVENTS

### CHICAGO, ILL.

**Tuesday, Feb. 26, 8 P. M.**—Open Forum, 1604 N. California Ave. Speaker: John D. Peterson. Subject: "The Machine and the Depression". Admission free. Discussion.

**Saturday, March 2, 8.15 P. M.**—Press Ball and Entertainment. Benefit Industrial Worker by the general membership of the I. W. W. 1604 N. California Ave. A working class play in three acts presented by members of the I. W. W. entitled, "Today and Tomorrow" by Paul Pika will be a feature of the evening, which will be followed by a press talk by Ralph Chaplin. Refreshments and dancing till?? Admission 25 cents. Play starts at 8.15 P. M. SHARP.

### ROSELAND

**Saturday, March 9, 8 P. M.**—Big I. W. W. Press Dance. Benefit Industrial Worker. One Big Union Hall, 117 E. 114th Pl. Admission 15 cents. Please keep this date open.

### NEW YORK CITY

**Sunday, March 3, 8.15 P. M.**—Felix Morrow, secretary of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense Committee, will speak on "The Sacramento Trials". This lecture will expose the tactics of the I. L. D. and the Stalinites in the present trials. Questions and discussion. Admission 10 cents.

### NEWARK, N. J.

**Friday, March 1, 8.30 P. M.**—I. W. W. Forum, I. W. W. Hall, 8 Centre St. Subject: "Fascism in Germany and the U. S. A." Speaker: Alfred M. Bingham, son of ex-U. S. Senator Hiram Bingham, Editor of "Common Sense"; recently returned from Germany. Question and discussion period. Admission free.

**Friday, March 8, 8.30 P. M.**—I. W. W. Forum, I. W. W. Hall, 8 Centre St. Subject: "The Labor Spy in Industry". Speaker: Frank L. Palmer, noted labor journalist, manager of the Federated Press. Question and discussion period. Admission free.

### DETROIT, MICH.

**Sunday, March 10.** — International Entertainment and Dance, Roumanian Hall, 645 Chene St. First class orchestra. Dancing 2:30 P. M. to midnight. Program at 7:30 P. M. Original plays and compositions. Beer and refreshments. Admission 25 cents, at the door 35 cents. Proceeds to be used for Spring Organization Drive in automobile industry.

### LOS ANGELES, CAL.

**Sunday, March 3, 8 P. M.**—Mass Meeting. I. W. W. Hall, 280 Lang Bldg., 212 S. Spring St. To discuss the General Strike against Fascism and War. Several good speakers. Admission free.

# I.W.W. PREAMBLE

**The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.**

**Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.**

**We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.**

**These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.**

**Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work", we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system".**

**It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.**